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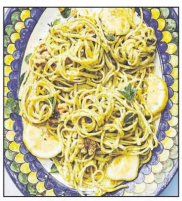

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Corewell Health was recently announced as the new name of the merger between Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health. Spectrum Health Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph will now be known as Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital.

# Spectrum rebranding

## Corewell Health name change part of Beaumont merger

By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health announced a new name for their merged health care system Tuesday.

Now referred to as Corewell Health, the change comes after the two Michigan health care systems combined in late January. Spectrum Health Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph will now be known as Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital.

"At our core, we are here to help people be well so they can live their healthiest life possible," said Tina Freese Decker, president and CEO of Corewell Health, in a prepared statement. "We recognize the amazing outcomes and history from Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health. Now together, known as Corewell Health, we move forward unified, focused on health and wellness for all. The name selection is especially inspiring as it was influenced by thousands of ideas from our team members who put health and wellness at the core of everything we do."

Spectrum Health Lakeland will take on the name Corewell Health Medical Group South. Dr. Loren Hamel, the president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, will now be the president of Medical Group South.

Spectrum Health Lakeland Niles Hospital and Spectrum Health Lakeland Watervliet Hospital will become Corewell Health Niles Hospital and Corewell Health Watervliet Hospital, respectively.

A news release on the name change said the system hopes to achieve a future where health is simple, affordable, equitable and exceptional.

"The Corewell Health logo reflects the increasingly synergistic relationship between health care and health coverage, and our ongoing commitment to continuously improve the health of the communities we serve," said Julie Fream, chair of the Corewell Health System Board of Directors, in a prepared statement.

The logo's colors are a combination of existing colors used by Beaumont Health, Spectrum Health and Priority Health. Priority Health's name does not change with this announcement. The health care system will begin rolling out the new signage and branding in phases over the next two years, the news release stated.

The combined hospital system operates a total of 22 hospitals, 305 outpatient clinics, employing more than 64,000 people – including over 11,500 physicians and advanced practice providers and more than 15,000 nurses.

More than 400 people in leadership positions were laid off systemwide last month, with roughly two dozen cut at Lakeland.

Lakeland will still operate its own board going forward, a Spectrum spokesperson said Tuesday.

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# Medic 1 names new executive board members

## Board opts to retain labor attorney

By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Amid confusion surrounding Medic 1 Ambulance's executive director, the municipal board chose new executive board members Tuesday.

The board named Allen Weich from Chikaming Township as chair and Mike Hildebrand from Oronoko Township as vice chair at a Tuesday special meeting. Additionally, the board retained an attorney in the case of labor litigation with Jack Fisher, the executive director.

Fisher was placed on paid administrative leave at a meeting on Sept. 29, pending both an internal and Michigan State Police investigation regarding a Medic 1 property sale. Member Steve Neubecker from the city of St. Joseph made a motion to correct the minutes concerning the action that placed Fisher on leave.

"I had a two-part motion to place Executive Director Jack Fisher of Medic 1 on paid administrative leave, pending an internal and external investigation into, but not limited to, the sale and disposal of Medic 1 property," he said.

The board approved this correction to the minutes.

Weich is the Chikaming Township fire chief, and Hildebrand is Oronoko Township's supervisor. Weich said the meeting was an important first step.

"We've all got to work together to move forward through this situation," he said.

Former chair Bill Boyd Jr. was replaced by Steve Tilly as the Royalton Township representative, as Boyd no longer works for the township. Royalton's board voted to replace him at their meeting on Monday.

Vice chair David Chandler from Sodus Township resigned at the beginning of the special meeting, after which the board thanked him for his tenure.

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Medic 1 Ambulance, at 635 E. Napier Ave. in Benton Township, has placed director Jack Fisher on paid leave.

# Absentee ballot numbers in Mich. show high voter turnout

By JOEY CAPPELLETTI
Associated Press/Report for America

LANSING — Over 150,000 Michigan voters have cast absentee ballots a month before the Nov. 8 election that will decide the state's governor, secretary of state, attorney general and whether access to abortion will be a constitutional right.

A total of 1.6 million people have requested absentee ballots so far, surpassing the 1.16 million who chose the option in the 2018 midterm election. The numbers indicate that 2022 could be the most votes ever cast in the state for a gubernatorial election, Secretary of State spokesman Jake Rollow said Tuesday.

A record-breaking 3.3 million people in Michigan voted absentee in the 2020 presidential election at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

Rollow said he expects the state "would end up with about 2.25 million absentee ballots submitted if things were to play out along similar trend lines," to the 2020 election.

David Goldman / AP

A Michigan voter clutches her absentee ballot before dropping it off at the city clerk's office in Warren on Oct. 28, 2020. A total of 1.6 million people have requested absentee ballots so far this year, surpassing the 1.16 million who chose the option in the 2018 midterm election.

The Secretary of State will continue to release absentee numbers weekly in the leadup to the election.

A 2018 voter-approved constitutional amendment that allowed for no-excuse absentee voting, in addition to the pandemic, has led voters in the state to increasingly vote absentee rather than at the polls on Election Day.

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# Voters in some key swing states to decide on voting access

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

All but lost in the shadow of major contests for U.S. Senate and governor, voters in some battleground states will be deciding ballot proposals this November that could reshape the way they vote in the next presidential election.

In Arizona, scene of the closest presidential contest in 2020, the question is whether to require more identification to vote in the future. In Michigan, another swing state, voters will consider whether to make it easier to cast early ballots.

Voting-related proposals will be on the ballot in several other states, including a measure to adopt ranked-choice voting in Nevada that – if approved this year – would need a second vote in 2024 to take effect."

Most of the measures are garnering little attention but could have profound effects on voting in some of the most politically competitive states for years to come. They mark an escalation of what voting expert Jon Sherman describes as "the voting wars" – battles between Democrats, Republicans and activist groups over laws specifying how people register, obtain mail-in ballots, prove their identity and cast ballots.

"The parties and their allies are fighting over every last voting rule and trying to make predictions about how they think it will help or hurt their chances of winning, particularly in closely competitive states," said Sherman, litigation director and senior counsel at the Fair Elections Center, a nonprofit that advocates for voting access.

Efforts to change voting laws ramped up after the 2000 presidential election, when a U.S. Supreme Court decision in Florida's exceptionally close race gave Republican George W. Bush the victory over Democrat Al Gore. It intensified after the 2020 election, as Republican President Donald Trump refused to acknowledge his loss to Democrat Joe Biden while pressing false claims of widespread fraud, and some Republican-led states responded by passing restrictive voting laws.

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# Supreme Court to hear case that could raise price of pork

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court will hear arguments over a California animal cruelty law that could raise the cost of bacon and other pork products nationwide.

The case's outcome is important to the nation's $26-billion-a-year pork industry, but the outcome could also limit states' ability to pass laws with impact outside their borders, from laws aimed at combating climate change to others intended to regulate prescription drug prices.

The case before the court on Tuesday involves California's Proposition 12, which voters passed in 2018. It said that pork sold in the state needs to come from pigs whose mothers were raised with at least 24 square feet of space, including the ability to lie down and turn around. That rules out the confined "gestation crates," metal enclosures that are common in the pork industry.

Two industry groups, the Iowa-based National Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation, sued over the proposition. They say that while Californians consume 13 percent of the pork eaten in the United States, nearly 100 percent of it comes from hogs raised outside the state, primarily where the industry is concentrated in the Midwest and North Carolina. The vast majority of sows, meanwhile, aren't raised under conditions that would meet Proposition 12's standards.

The question for the high court is whether California has impermissibly burdened the pork market and improperly regulated an industry outside its borders.

Pork producers argue that 72 percent of farmers use individual pens for sows that don't allow them to turn around and that even farmers who house sows in larger group pens don't provide the space California would require.

They also say that the way the pork market works, with cuts of meat from various producers being combined before sale, it's likely all pork would have to meet California standards, regardless of where it's sold. Complying with Proposition 12 could cost the industry $290 million to $350 million, they say.

So far, lower courts have sided with California and animal-welfare groups that had supported the proposition. But for a number of reasons the law has yet to go into effect.

The Biden administration, for its part, is urging the justices to side with pork producers. The administration says Proposition 12 would be a "wholesale change in how pork is raised and marketed in this country." And it says the proposition has "thrown a giant wrench into the workings of the interstate market in pork."

California's Proposition 12 also covers other animals. It says egg-laying hens and calves being raised for veal need to be raised in conditions in which they have enough room to lie down, stand up and turn around freely. Those parts of the law aren't at issue in the case.

## LOTTERIES

**Tuesday drawings**

**Michigan**

**Fantasy 5 Double Play**
12-27-29-34-36
**Pekar Lotto**
QC-AD-7C-9D-10H
**Midday Daily 3**
8-1-0
**Midday Daily 4**
5-5-6-4
**Daily 3**
1-6-2
**Daily 4**
2-9-9-3
**Fantasy 5**
04-12-18-25-35
**Keno**
02-03-08-16-18-26-28-31-33-34-38-44-47-49-58-63-66-72-73-76-78-80
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$445,000,000
**Powerball jackpot**
$421,000,000

**Monday drawings**

**Michigan**

**Powerball**
03-06-11-17-22, Powerball: 11, Power Play: 2
**Indiana**
**Cash 5**
12-21-25-26-30
**Cash4Life**
18-22-40-42-56, Cash Ball: 2
**Quick Draw Midday**
02-05-09-10-11-15-19-21-31-38-40-57-62-63-64-66-68-70-72-74, BE: 21
**Daily Three-Midday**
4-0-2, SB: 7
**Daily Three-Evening**
7-8-1, SB: 5
**Daily Four-Midday**
8-2-3-7, SB: 7
**Daily Four-Evening**
6-3-4-8, SB: 5
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**Lotto**
01-12-28-44-47-48, Extra Shot: 17
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**Pick Three-Midday**
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4-8-7, Fireball: 0
**Pick Four-Midday**
2-5-5-5, Fireball: 0
**Pick Four-Evening**
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**Lucky Day Lotto**
08-30-33-34-44

— *The Associated Press*

# UN, G7 decry Russian attack on Ukraine as possible war crime

**By ADAM SCHRECK**
Associated Press

Francisco Seco / AP

**Members of a forensic team carry a plastic bag with a body inside as they work in an exhumation in a mass grave in Lyman, Ukraine, on Tuesday.**

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces showered Ukraine with more missiles and munition-carrying drones Tuesday after widespread strikes killed at least 19 people in an attack the U.N. human rights office described as "particularly shocking" and amounting to potential war crimes.

Air raid warnings sounded throughout Ukraine for a second straight morning as officials advised residents to conserve energy and stock up on water. The strikes have knocked out power across the country and pierced the relative calm that had returned to Kyiv and many other cities far from the war's front lines.

"It brings anger, not fear," Kyiv resident Volodymyr Vasylenko, 67, said as crews worked to restore traffic lights and clear debris from the capital's streets. "We already got used to this. And we will keep fighting."

The leaders of the Group of Seven industrial powers condemned the bombardment and said they would "stand firmly with Ukraine for as long as it takes." Their pledge defied Russian warnings that Western assistance would prolong the war and the pain of Ukraine's people.

Russia launched the widespread attacks in retaliation for a weekend explosion that damaged the Kerch Bridge between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow annexed in 2014. Russian President Vladimir Putin alleged that Ukrainian special services masterminded the blast. The Ukrainian government has applauded it but not claimed responsibility.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the G-7 leaders during a virtual meeting that during the past two days Russia fired more than 100 missiles and dozens of drones at Ukraine, and that while Ukraine shot down many of them, it needs "more modern and effective" air defense systems.

The Pentagon earlier announced plans to deliver the first two advanced NASAMs anti-aircraft systems to Ukraine in the coming weeks. The systems, which Kyiv has long wanted, will provide medium- to long-range defense against missile attacks.

In a phone call with Zelenskyy on Tuesday, President Joe Biden "pledged to continue providing Ukraine with the support needed to defend itself, including advanced air defense systems," the White House said.

Zelenskyy thanked the U.S. and also Germany for speeding up the delivery of the first of four promised IRIS-T air defense systems. Ukraine's defense minister tweeted that the German system had just arrived, and that a "new era" of air defense for Ukraine had begun.

Zelenskyy also urged the G-7 leaders to respond "symmetrically" to the attacks on the Ukrainian energy sector by doing more to stop Russia from profiting off its exports of oil and gas.

"Such steps can bring peace closer," he said. "They will encourage the terrorist state to think about peace, about the unprofitability of war."

Ukrainian officials said the diffuse strikes on power plants and civilian areas made no "practical military sense." However, Putin's supporters had urged the Kremlin for weeks to take tougher action in Ukraine and criticized the Russian military for a series of embarrassing battlefield setbacks.

Pro-Kremlin pundits lauded the attacks as an appropriate response to Kyiv's successful counteroffensives. Many of them argued that Moscow should keep up the intensity to win a war now in its eighth month.

The head of Britain's cyber-intelligence agency, Jeremy Fleming, said Tuesday in a rare public speech that Russia is running out of military supplies and struggling to fill its ranks.

"Russia's forces are exhausted," Fleming said. "The use of prisoners as reinforcements, and now the mobilization of tens of thousands of inexperienced conscripts, speaks of a desperate situation."

Like Monday's strikes, the bombardment Tuesday struck both energy infrastructure and civilian areas. One person was killed when 12 missiles slammed into the southern city of Zaporizhzhia, setting off a large fire, the State Emergency Service said. A local official said the missiles hit a school, residential buildings and medical facilities.

Energy facilities in the western Lviv and Vinnytsia regions also took hits. Officials said Ukrainian forces shot down an inbound Russian missile before it reached Kyiv, but the capital region experienced rolling power outages as a result of the previous day's strikes.

The State Emergency Service said 19 people died and 105 people were wounded in Monday's strikes. At least five of the victims were in Kyiv, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said. More than 300 cities and towns lost power.

A spokesperson for the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights said Tuesday that strikes on "civilian objects," including infrastructure such as power plants, could qualify as a war crime.

"Damage to key power stations and lines ahead of the upcoming winter raises further concerns for the protection of civilians and in particular the impact on vulnerable populations," Ravina Shamdasani told reporters in Geneva. "Attacks targeting civilians and objects indispensable to the survival of civilians are prohibited under international humanitarian law."

# Demand soars for kids' books addressing violence, trauma

**By CLAIRE SAVAGE**
Associated Press / Report for America

John Minchillo / AP

**Ian Ellis James, an Emmy award-winning Sesame Street writer known by his stage name William Electric Black, reacts with disgust as he holds a stylized prop gun he uses when he works with children on urban gun violence prevention, Wednesday, in New York.**

CHICAGO — As the new school year swings into gear, some students carry heavier worries than keeping up with homework: Demand has been growing steadily for children's books that address traumatic events such as school shootings.

Sales of books for young readers on violence, grief, and emotions have increased for nine straight years, with nearly six million copies sold in 2021 – more than double the amount in 2012, according to NPD BookScan, which tracks U.S. retail sales of print books.

As anxiety and depression rates have soared among young Americans, educators and advocates say children's books can play a role in helping them cope.

"While it might be second nature to try to shield kids from the harsher realities of life and scary news, it's proving difficult to avoid big society issues," said Kristine Enderle, editorial director at Magination Press, the children's book publishing arm of the American Psychological Association. "Kids face these issues and challenges in their day-to-day life."

One book, "I'm Not Scared … I'm Prepared," was reprinted several times to meet demand after the massacre at Uvalde's Robb Elementary School in May, according to the National Center for Youth Issues, the nonprofit group that published the book. The story, first published in 2014, features a teacher who shows children what to do when a "dangerous someone" is in their school.

Bookstores around the country see interest in titles from the genre rise and fall depending on local and national headlines, according to bookseller Barnes & Noble.

Some newer titles engage directly with real-world gun violence.

In "Numb to This," a graphic novel released this month, author Kindra Neely details the 2015 Umpqua Community College shooting in Oregon, which she survived, and the aftermath as she tries to heal amid repeated shootings elsewhere. Initially, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers editorial director Andrea Colvin said she was shocked when Keely pitched the idea.

"I had to remember that, yes, this is what our stories are like now. This is what young people have experienced," Colvin said.

Michele Gay, whose 7-year-old daughter Josephine was killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, turned to children's books herself to help her two surviving daughters. One picture book she read to them was "The Ant Hill Disaster," about a boy ant who is afraid to go back to school after it is destroyed.

"It was one of many books that was of comfort to them and gave them a little bit of confidence to just face one more day, one more minute, because we can do it together," said Gay, who advocates for improved security in schools through a nonprofit she co-founded, Safe and Sound Schools.

Parents should make sure books addressing trauma are age-appropriate and backed by psychologists, experts say.

It's important to be aware of whether children are aware of or feeling stress about frightening things in the news, said Aryeh Sova, a Chicago psychologist who works with children who attended the July 4 parade in suburban Highland Park, Illinois, where seven people were killed in a shooting. A child asking lots of questions about an event may signify that they are anxious or fixated on it, he said.

"If it's coming from the kid's need, then books could be a great way for kids to learn and to read together with their parents and to review it on their own and to process it at their own speed, at their own pace," Sova said.

But bringing up violence when a child isn't worried about it could increase their anxiety unnecessarily, Sova said.

Some young children experience gun violence at alarmingly high rates, particularly in communities of color.

For them, it is important to start early to address the effects, said Ian Ellis James, an Emmy award-winning Sesame Street writer known by his stage name William Electric Black. He is the author of the illustrated children's book "A Gun Is Not Fun." He said young children in areas afflicted by gun violence are more aware of it than parents may think.

"They know about flowers and candles and cards in the street. They walk by them every day," he said.

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## SH reaches settlement with former officer

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven city officials have reached a settlement agreement with a former police officer who alleged she had been wrongfully discharged from her job in March 2021.

According to the settlement agreement, which was acquired by The Herald-Palladium through a Freedom of Information Act request, Michaela Pauly will be paid $99,000 to dismiss the lawsuit filed in March at the U.S. Western District Court in Grand Rapids.

Judge Jane Beckering signed the dismissal of the case Sept. 16, following a South Haven City Council meeting on Sept. 6, in which members voted after a closed session to approve the settlement.

As part of the settlement reached between the plaintiff's attorney, Paladin Employment Law PLLC of Kalamazoo, and the city's attorney, Laura Amtsbuechler of Rosati Schultz, Joppich and Amtsbeuchler PC of Farmington Hills, Pauly will receive $66,538, while her attorney firm will receive $33,461. The city's insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, will pay the settlement.

In exchange, Pauly agreed the settlement is "a compromise of a disputed claim and that payments are not construed as an admission of liability" on the part of the city of South Haven or Police Chief Natalie Thompson.

Pauly's attorneys filed a four-count lawsuit in March 2022 with the U.S. Western District Court in Grand Rapids, alleging she had been discriminated and later retaliated against when she was fired by Thompson and the city.

In its response to the lawsuit, city attorneys Laura Amtsbuechler and Melanie Hesano claimed Pauly's allegations were "untrue and legally insufficient." They also referred to the lawsuit as "frivolous."

The lawsuit contended that Pauly, who had been with the department since December 2012, had married Officer Michael Pauly in 2015 – a police officer who Thompson previously dated. The lawsuit claimed "Pauly performed her job well and consistently received praise regarding her job performance." The lawsuit went on to allege that Thompson and the city "discriminated against Pauly because of her sex and gender and treated her differently – and worse – than male officers."

It then alleged Thompson, who began working for the police department in 1992 and worked her way up the ranks to being named police chief in 2016, had previous relationships with other male officers in the past, officers who were much better treated than Michaela Pauly.

When Pauly complained about how she had been mistreated, the lawsuit alleged Thompson "targeted Pauly for an investigation that was a pretext for discrimination and retaliation."

The lawsuit further alleged when Pauly took a job in Kalamazoo after her termination from the South Haven Police Department, "defendants contacted Pauly's new employer in an effort to further retaliate against her by providing unsolicited information that led to the termination of Pauly's employment from her subsequent employer."

As part of the settlement, the city stipulated that it denied Pauly's allegations and that her employment with the police department was severed March 12, 2021. The settlement also states the city has no obligation to consider the former police officer for rehire. In addition, if receiving inquiries about Pauly, the city will only provide confirmation of her resignation, dates of employment, last wage rate and last position held.

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

The St. Joseph City Commission has approved a proposal to plant trees along the Willa Drive, pictured above, Lester Avenue and Donna Drive road projects.

## Taking root

### SJ to plant 100 trees along Willa Drive, Lester Avenue

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph City Commission has approved a proposal for a Bangor-based nursery to plant 100 trees along the Willa Drive, Lester Avenue and Donna Drive areas where 63 trees were removed in advance of major infrastructure reconstruction.

The proposal was approved unanimously Monday by the city commission, but not without controversy.

The city issues a request for proposals for tree planting every two years, and the current contractor is County Line Nursery.

Based on pricing provided by the nursery, the cost to plant 100 trees of various species is $33,375. Commissioners voted to approve the proposal in an amount not to exceed $35,000. Greg Grothous, director of public works, said the money is available in the project fund.

Downtown Development Authority member Chris Lannert expressed concerns about some of the trees planted from County Line Nursery in prior years.

The St. Joseph City Commission has approved a proposal to plant various trees along the Willa Drive road project, seen above.

He said some have not taken root, and others did not meet bid specifications. He added that the city is not getting the best bang for its buck, and went as far as to say, "You're getting ripped off."

Commissioner Mike Sarola said while he would approve the proposal, he wants staff in the future to do everything possible to get at least three bids on projects.

Grothous said that's not always possible, especially now with worker shortages and supply chain issues.

Grothous said he wants to get the trees ordered because the optimal planting window in late fall is approaching, and staff has been informed there continues to be a tree stock shortage nationwide.

Some of the trees to be planted will be smaller varieties, such as spring snow crabapple, flowering dogwood, plum and little gem magnolia due to limited green space and/or overhead wires. Some locations will allow for medium and large trees like American hornbeam, American sycamore, tulip, poplar, ginko, katsura and locust.

He said the various tree species selected are commonly found in Michigan and tolerant of road salt, drought and compacted/clay soils.

Grothous said letters will be sent to residents along Willa Drive, Lester Avenue and Donna Drive informing them of the planned tree planting this fall.

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## Four downtown events returning to SJ in 2023

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Four popular events will return to St. Joseph in 2023 following approval of special event permits by city officials.

Carrie Ogonowski, St. Joseph's recreation manager, said several St. Joseph Today events encourage tourism and activity in the downtown area during the winter months.

The first four events for the coming year will be the Chili Tour, Jan. 27, 2023; the Winter Beer Fest, Jan. 28, 2023; the Ice Fest, Feb. 2-5, 2023; and March Mannequins, March 10, 2023.

The Chili Tour is returning to downtown St. Joseph after a COVID-19 hiatus. Businesses will compete to serve up the best chili, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen.

For the Winter Beer Fest, St. Joseph Today will use the parking lots on the corner of Broad Street and Lake Boulevard, and Broad Street from the alley to Lake Boulevard.

The Ice Fest will include ice carving competitions, sculptures on display, a Fire & Ice bonfire tower and interactive games. Road closures throughout the event will include State Street from Elm to Ship streets and Pleasant Street from the west alley to the east alley. Part of Elm Street will be closed for the ice vendor to deliver the blocks of ice.

March Mannequins feature live mannequins posing in storefront windows throughout downtown businesses. State Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from Elm Street to Ship Street.

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Professional ice carvers Jim Houser, front, and Matt Larson work on a sculpture during the 2022 Magical Ice Fest held in downtown St. Joseph.

Volunteer pourer Tonia LaPlante hands a customer a sample of beer from Right Brain Brewery in 2017 during the St. Joe Winter Beer Fest held in downtown St. Joseph.

### IN BRIEF

#### Miss St. Joe organizers set meeting

ST. JOSEPH — Blossomtime is back and St. Joseph contestants have a chance to get ready for the upcoming season.

The Miss St. Joseph 2023 informational meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at Lincoln Elementary School in St. Joseph.

Anyone with questions can call Kim Sarola at 930-2072.

## Women's reproductive rights rally set in Southwest Michigan

### State Senate candidate from BH to speak

By HP STAFF

ALLEGAN — A rally to protect the reproductive rights of women is scheduled to take place in Allegan this weekend.

The grassroots group, Allegan, Speak Up, is hosting "This is Not a Trend" women's rally at 2 p.m. Saturday in the public green space near the intersections of M-89 and M-40 highways in downtown Allegan. The gathering will move at 3 p.m. to the lower banquet area of Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St.

The group has scheduled the rally in advance of the Nov. 8 election where Proposal 3 will be on the ballot, which if approved would amend the state constitution to establish reproductive freedom for women, including the right to make decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow the state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals who choose abortion.

"Women's rights are not an online trend," said Allegan, Speak Up member Liv Spicer. "Reproductive freedoms and bodily autonomy will be on November ballots, both directly and indirectly. All the political rhetoric can become convoluted and create confusion. We aim to change that."

During the rally, speakers will discuss women's reproductive rights and answer questions related to the November election ballot issue. People who attend will also have the opportunity to register to vote.

Featured speaker Kim Jorgensen Gane, Democrat candidate from Benton Harbor who faces incumbent 20th District state Senator Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, will share her experiences while representing Michigan in Planned Parenthood's inaugural class of national storytellers.

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State Rep. Christine Morse, D-Kalamazoo, will also speak about her personal abortion story.

Allegan, Speak Up is a grassroots group of Allegan residents formed in 2019 with the goal of countering inequalities and creating a more informed and inclusive community.

Following the discussion, the event will conclude with a social hour at Tantrick Brewing Co., 243 Hubbard St.

For more information about the rally, visit https://bit.ly/AlleganSpeakUp.

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# Sunshine vs. common sense

**Dale Brewer**
Opinion Maker

I'll just go ahead and say the quiet part out loud: My sympathy for the victims of Hurricane Ian has limits. I think many people across the country can relate to similar feelings.

Of course I see the human suffering in all of the media coverage and feel terrible for the victims. More than a hundred people were killed, many by the storm surge that slammed into a highly populated part of the Southwest Florida coast. Many thousands more are now homeless and desperate for aid. The damage zone includes areas of Central Florida, where Ian dumped torrential rains that swamped many inland areas.

The national media is still largely focused on the tragedy and hardship, which makes sense. It all makes for compelling TV, print and online coverage. Far less attention is being paid to the overdevelopment along the state's southwest coast and the folly of encouraging so much growth in an area that was destined at some point to be mauled by a major hurricane.

Now we are in the phase in which community leaders there are vowing to rebuild, even better. Oh great. Let's repeat the exercise so they can go through it all over again in a decade or two – or maybe next hurricane season.

The overall problem is not limited to Florida, or even to hurricane-prone areas. The biggest driver of all the explosive population growth in the South and West is the desire to live in warmer, sunnier climates. The invention and spread of air conditioning in the 20th century – a very welcome development in most respects – has played a big role in encouraging a major population shift now yielding extremely costly, and in many cases deadly, consequences.

I keep wondering if anything can turn the tide against this great southern/western trend. But so far apparently nothing is as compelling to folks as living in a warmer climate in order to avoid snowfall and the long, dreary winters that Northerners endure. Or enjoy (I guess), for all you snow lovers out there.

While mammoth hurricanes menace the Gulf Coast states, the lack of water, made far worse by climate change-induced drought, is a growing crisis in the arid Southwest. Yet both regions continue to see explosive population growth. Meanwhile, Northern states like Michigan lose population. And in our system of government, that means less and less political clout.

So with all this in mind, I watch the coverage of Ian and think, you know, most of the people I'm seeing in distress chose to invest, unwisely as it turns out, in an area along the Florida coast vulnerable to massive devastation and misery.

You know an area that is *not* at risk for hurricane damage, widespread flooding, and has plenty of drinking water? If you said Southwest Michigan … ding ding ding ding! This region and countless others across the upper and middle parts of the nation would love the benefit of even minor population growth. Declining population is a serious problem here that hurts the vitality of our region as we struggle to attract employers, retain our workforce and maintain vital services to residents.

One issue to keep a very close eye on as the 21st century unfolds is water. Specifically, who has it, who needs it, and who is trying to take water out of the Great Lakes. To date it has not come to that, but schemes have been floated in the past to divert our precious Great Lakes water to the thirsty Southwest, and I expect more will be proposed as the need for water there only grows more desperate.

To which we should all say: Hell no.

In the American system of government, in which 50 separate and smaller governments fight like starving dogs for federal resources and jobs, water is this region's greatest resource. If it is water you want, come on over. We have plenty of it. Plus we have beautiful summers, abundant recreation opportunities and many affordable areas where one can establish a home life without worrying about a storm surge wiping it out.

Better marketing might help our Upper Midwest cause. For decades this region has been saddled with the Rust Belt descriptor, while down South is the Sun Belt. Thanks, national media.

Ultimately what has all this worship of warmth and sunshine wrought? In too many cases in the era of climate change, it has put more and more U.S. residents and their property directly in harm's way. And the problem only promises to get worse.

It need not be that way. For goodness sakes, we have to endure a few months of cold and snow. There are far worse hardships. Just look to Florida for proof.

*Dale Brewer of St. Joseph was a Herald-Palladium editor for 25 years.*

# It may or may not matter if Walker is lying

**Jonah Goldberg**

Herschel Walker, the Republican former football star running for a Georgia Senate seat who supports a total ban on abortion, denies he pressured a former girlfriend to have an abortion, which he paid for. He's almost certainly lying.

The allegations are easy to believe while his rambling, often contradictory, denials are not. The Daily Beast, which broke the story, says it can document the anonymous woman's claim with, among other things, a $700 check from Walker. We've already seen the "get well" card – written in Walker's handwriting, according to his own son.

Given that Walker has so many demons and skeletons in his closet – he's like a one-man haunted house – it seems a safe bet the story is true. Even Walker's denials are taking on a bit of an "even if I did it" hue as he leans into how he's been "redeemed" and so therefore his past actions (which he didn't do!) shouldn't count against him.

Now, here's the complicated part: Does it matter?

The answer is "Yes, no, maybe."

Let's start with the "maybe." The allegations might matter to a very small group of persuadable antiabortion Republican or undecided independent voters. Walker was already behind in the polls, and it's hard to see how this "October surprise" helps win any of them. "Abortion for me, but not for thee" has, to put it mildly, a very niche appeal.

But it's also possible that this late hit on Walker will perversely help rally the GOP base, which has a Pavlovian reflex to defy "the fake news media." That's what Ralph Reed, the founder of the Christian Coalition, and a former Georgia GOP state chairman, thinks might happen. He compared this revelation to the "Access Hollywood" tape in which Donald Trump could be heard boasting of his sexual predations of women. Logically, it's a strange defense given that the "Access Hollywood" tape wasn't fake news.

"We've seen this movie before," Reed told the New York Times. He not only expects "100 percent" that evangelical Christians will stay with Walker, but they might turn out in even bigger numbers to own the libs, or whatever.

Most intellectually honest conservative commentators concede the allegations are bad for all the obvious reasons, but this is what you get when you let Trump handpick a rookie celebrity candidate and forgo any serious vetting. Frustratingly for many on the right, an experienced, generic Republican would have won this race in a cakewalk – as Georgia Republican Gov. Brian Kemp looks to be doing, despite Trump's attacks on him. But the party has stuck with Walker.

The key fact for many Republicans is that control of the Senate is on the line. Better to have a hypocritical and flawed Republican voting their way in a GOP-controlled Senate than the alternative, they figure. "I don't care if Herschel Walker paid to abort endangered baby eagles," right-wing commentator Dana Loesch declared. "I want control of the Senate!" (Another odd comparison; abortion foes usually believe that unborn humans morally outrank baby birds.)

So, maybe it will matter electorally, either by dampening Walker's support in the middle or by boosting turnout from the GOP base – or, for that matter, the Democratic base.

But, no, it doesn't matter to the GOP party faithful.

What about the yes? Politics is a long game. And there's simply no avoiding the fact that in the long term this is a self-inflicted wound for the right. If Walker admitted his sins and asked for forgiveness, he might possibly be in better shape politically. I'm more certain that message would help social conservatives.

The claim that abortion foes don't really care about the unborn and just want to control women is an old one. Embracing Walker despite the allegations gives that claim new power. Sincerity matters. As Nick Catoggio writes, "I believe strongly that sincere pro-life advocacy is more likely to reduce abortion long-term than insincere pro-life legislation will."

Hypocrisy on abortion is different than other hypocrisies – gun control advocates who have guns, climate change Jeremiahs flying private jets, etc. According to the moral logic Walker wants translated into law, he's akin to an accomplice to a murder. That makes him – and his glib defenders – poor advocates for the unborn.

It may be easy for the GOP to shrug off these revelations as inconsequential for the November election. The problem for sincere opponents of abortion is that this will make their work a lot harder, for a long time after the midterms.

*Jonah Goldberg is editor in chief of the Dispatch.*

## LETTERS

### Conybeare, Dyer are capable leaders

**Editor,**

As we've navigated a pandemic over the past few years, we've seen very clearly how critical it is to have competent and qualified school board members. In this year's election, we have the opportunity to re-elect two board members who have demonstrated those capabilities in challenging times.

Barry Conybeare and Rick Dyer have capably served the St. Joseph Public Schools as board members. Under their leadership, we've enhanced our facilities, hired strong administrators and have been consistently rated as the best school district in Berrien County and in the top 15 districts in the state. They also worked hard to listen to community members and experts, and kept our children safe, our schools open, and fostered the best possible learning environment during the pandemic.

Results like this don't happen by accident. They are generated by capable board members setting the right strategy, hiring the right leaders to drive it and reviewing outcomes while adjusting for unforeseen circumstances. Barry and Rick have laid out what they've accomplished and what they intend to focus on in clear and concrete terms on their website. Rather than empty platitudes, they have set clear plans that will make our district even stronger under their continued leadership.

Our school districts matter intensely, and electing qualified people to run them makes all the difference in maintaining and improving upon the quality of our schools for all of the children who attend. We owe it to them to create safe and effective learning environments where they can bring their full selves and achieve their full potential.

As a parent and community member, that's why I'm supporting Barry and Rick on Nov. 8, and I hope you'll join me. For the sake of our children and our district, and not just the parents.

**Chris Conley**
**St. Joseph**

### Don't let students become political pawns

**Editor,**

In the divisive political times in which we find ourselves, it's easy to get caught up in emotions. As school board recalls and charges and counter-charges are flying around Southwest Michigan, let's look at the facts.

For decades, St. Joseph Public Schools has been one of the top districts in Michigan by just about any measure. Whether it's academic achievement, percentage of students going on to higher education, award winning career-technical programs, robotics or fine arts, St. Joseph Public Schools is an asset to the entire region.

The district has attracted top notch administrators and teachers to serve students and parents. It's not by accident. St. Joseph has also been blessed by having a school board made up of dedicated and professional people who truly put the interests of children as the top priority. Two of those board members are board President Barry Conybeare and Trustee Rick Dyer.

Both outstanding leaders have given a lifetime of service to the community. They are doing it for the right reason – not to prove some kind of political point – but to provide the kind of servant leadership that St. Joseph parents and kids have come to depend on. Conybeare and Dyer are thoughtful, dedicated, and put students first. Now is not the time to take a step backward and let some use our children as political pawns.

We have known Barry Conybeare and Rick Dyer for years. We trust their judgment. They are St. Joe Bears who care. Please join us in supporting quality public education. Fill in your absentee ballot or cast your vote Nov. 8 for Conybeare and Dyer for St. Joseph school board. Support our tradition of excellence by returning these two outstanding public servants to our school board.

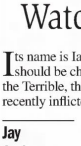
**Michael Todman**
**Lynn Todman**
**St. Joseph**

### Election letters

During the general election season, letters to the editor endorsing or criticizing candidates, political parties or ballot issues are limited to 300 words.

# Watch out for a hurricane of climate change extremists

**Jay Ambrose**



Its name is Ian and maybe should be changed to Ian the Terrible, this hurricane that recently inflicted deadly chaos in Florida, enabling climate change extremists to take advantage of the publicity in order to inflict more chaos. A warming planet caused the hurricane, they say, and they may be right although the issue is their goal of replacing fossil fuels primarily with solar panels, windmills, batteries and gush.

Oh, renewables! Aren't they great? No, they are reliable only if the sun shines bright day and night and the winds nearby never quit blowing. Technological innovations may reduce the worry, but emergency anxiety on the side of renewables could induce the decline of sorely needed massive energy, the demise of industrialism and the starvation of economies. Consider that most European nations recently reduced just about every energy source except renewables and have thus become dependent on Russia for natural gas and petroleum.

To be sure, CO2 emissions of fossil fuels may have provoked hotter Florida-area ocean surfaces that then stimulated extraordinary hurricane intensity. Ian's winds, after all, hit 150 mph and rain poured like an accumulation of waterfalls. Know this, however: Catastrophic hurricanes have enjoyed themselves in the cooler past just as mild hurricanes have been abundant in the hotter present. While that proves nothing about this instance, statistics also show that extreme weather is killing an amazing 80 percent fewer people worldwide now than in a smaller population 40 years ago.

What has helped save lives, it's said, is adaptation, varied pragmatic answers such as improving warning systems for hurricanes. Consider as an example that advanced planning in Florida supplied capable first-responders who quickly rescued 1,000 victims. The warnings also helped get cars on the road before floods disallowed it.

A means of recovering from ultra-progressive overstatements is Michael Shellenberger's book "Apocalypse Never" and the insights of highly informed analysts. Written in 2020 before some current issues, it showed how climate change had not stopped the world from producing more food than the world needs or denied the global economy a chance to grow enormously by the end of the century. CO2 emissions have been declining.

Sorry, but now let's listen for a second to Al Gore, an apocalypse prophet who used to be vice president. Back in 2006, he talked about a warming-caused sea rise of 20 feet "in the near future." A trustworthy prediction now is that global sea levels will rise by something like two feet or more by the end of the century, still dangerous but with time to get ready, it's said.

A Gore imitator, President Joe Biden, keeps telling the nation that an untethered climate will be "existential," a more polite if obtuse way of saying we could all be done for. He aims to go with the renewable flow while amenable to much else that seems reasonable. Actually, stopping global temperatures from rising will require a global effort, almost no nation left out.

The best answer, besides adaptation, seems to be nuclear energy that nevertheless scares the public sufficiently to keep some decision-makers mum. In fact, nuclear energy has been remarkably safe and is becoming less expensive as entrepreneurs experiment with smaller nuclear plants. It should be the prime player addressing climate change that is already killing plants and animals to a truly frightening degree, melting Arctic ice, affecting lakes and rivers in this country and making seas rise.

Keep in mind, however, that quelling more heat does not automatically decrease heat and that realism, caution and the termination of panic must play a larger role than ideologically excited, near-autocracy insufficiently wedded to common sense and the truth.

*Jay Ambrose is a columnist for Tribune News Service.*

# Labor proposal could upend rules for gig workers, companies

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN and ALEXANDRA OLSON
AP Business Writers

The Biden administration proposed new standards Tuesday that could make it more difficult to classify millions of workers as independent contractors and deny them minimum wage and benefits.

The U.S. Department of Labor rule, which could take months to take effect, would replace a scrapped Trump-era standard that had lowered the bar for classifying employees as contractors, workers who are not covered by federal minimum wage laws and are not entitled to benefits including health insurance and paid sick days.

The reaction in markets for major gig companies was immediate. Shares of the ride-hailing company Lyft fell 12 percent while rival Uber tumbled about 10 percent, although both companies dismissed the significance of the new proposal and its potential to affect their business.

In one key change, employers are required to consider whether the work provided is an integral part of their business. That could affect app-based companies that rely almost entirely on freelance workers to provide their services. The Trump-era rule had narrowed that criteria to whether the work in part of an integrated unit of production, and gave more weight to other considerations such as the worker's opportunity to make a profit or loss.

The new rule directs employers to consider six criteria for determining whether a worker is an employee or a contractor, without predetermining whether one outweighs the other. The criteria also include the degree of control by the employer, whether the work requires special skills, the degree of permanence of the relationship between worker and employer and the investment a worker makes, such as car payments.

The rule, however, does not carry the same weight as a law passed by Congress or state legislatures, nor does it specify whether any specific company or industry should reclassify their workers. Rather, it offers an interpretation of who should qualify for protections under the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act.

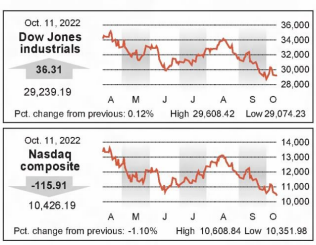
The rule could bolster labor advocates seeking to challenge worker classification in courts, or state lawmakers seeking to pass stricter laws for designating workers as contractors, said Patricia Campos-Medina, executive director of the Worker Institute at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

"It creates a base from which to work and it discourages predatory companies that want to lower their costs by denying basic rights to their employees," said Campos-Medina.

Still, there is room for interpretation since some companies might meet one set of criteria for contractor designation, but not others.

"I don't think it will stop the debate," Campos-Medina said. "The only thing the federal rule does is it creates a basic standard for evaluation."

## MARKETS







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## OBITUARIES

### Ramon D. Douglas

Sept. 16, 1937 - Oct. 8, 2022

Ramon D. Douglas, 85, of Riverside, Mich., passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his children and family on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022.

Ray was born on Sept. 16, 1937, on Petit Jean Mountain in Morrilton, Ark., to John and Nona Douglas. He was the oldest child in a family of what would become a total of nine boys. Ray helped care for his younger siblings as they all worked alongside their parents to provide for the family.

Ray would later fall in love with his childhood sweetheart, Billie Owens, who he would marry on Oct. 15, 1955. Shortly after, Ray and Billie left Arkansas for Michigan where they would start their own family, welcoming their three daughters and one son. Ray was a dedicated husband, father, brother, provider and friend who not only took care of his family, but anyone else in need. The Douglas household was well-known to always be full of family, friends, love, laughter and music.

Ray enjoyed music and played guitar and sang most of his life. He and Billie shared their love and gift of music with so many by singing in their home, their church and traveling to other churches as their ministry.

Before and after his retirement from Bosch, Ray loved traveling. He and Billie would travel many miles throughout their 60 years together, from the east coast to the west, as well as Canada and Israel. Ray cherished the multiple family trips to Delaware with his wife and children for deep sea fishing excursions on his brother Charlie's charter boat and treasured his yearly visits back to Arkansas to see his brothers and their families for the annual Douglas reunions. Ray also enjoyed traveling the open roads on his motorcycle and in the air as he loved to fly.

He was loved by so many and will be greatly missed.

Ray is survived by his four children: Joyce (Jim) Kalinowski of Coloma, Ellen (Ken) Biastock of Benton Harbor, Debbie (Rusty) Havlin of Saucier, Miss., and Ted (Lisa) Douglas of Benton Harbor; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; his brothers: Charlie (Nadean), LeRoy (Mattie), Edwon (Elaine), Joe (Judith), Floyd (Shirley), Alvin, and Troy (Betty); half-sister, June (Charles) Wise; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Billie; his parents: John and Nona Douglas; his brother, James Douglas; half-sister, Geneva Perry; half-brothers: Doyle Morgan and George Douglas; nieces: Tracy Gordon and Markie Collins; and nephew, Alan Walth.

Visitation and funeral services will be on Friday, Oct. 14, at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, with visitation at noon and services to follow at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Coloma Cemetery.

### Robert R. Gast

April 13, 1936 - Oct. 10, 2022

Robert Ronald Gast, 86, of Baroda, passed away on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, at Spectrum Health Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9650 Church St., Bridgman, MI 49106, with Pastor Carl Bassett, officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. on Friday at the church, prior to the service. Burial will be in Ruggles Cemetery, Baroda.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Robert was born on April 13, 1936, in Baroda, the son of the late William and Amanda (Ott) Gast.

On Sept. 30, 1961, he married Annabelle Ross-Yuran and she preceded him in death in 1988. He married Beverly Smith-Erwin in 1990, and she survives him.

Robert owned and operated Gast Cabinet Co., and was a cabinet maker all his life until his retirement.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors also include his daughters: Cynthia Lauver, Diana (Robert) Brunke, Linda Fisher, Annabelle Johnson; a son, Frank Yuran; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brothers: Darrell (Betty) Gast and Bill (Nancy) Gast.

Robert was preceded in death by his sister, Jane Strauss; sons-in-law: Timothy Lauver and Les Johnson.

Arrangements are entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, The Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

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### Death notices

**Lois J. Backus,** 93, of Three Oaks died Oct. 10, 2022. Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks, 756-3831

**James D. Fuller,** 49, of Hartford died Oct. 9, 2022, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

**Robert R. Gast,** 86, of Baroda died Oct. 10, 2022, at Spectrum Health Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

**Nancy L. Heth,** 83, of St. Joseph died Oct. 10, 2022, at Caretel Inns. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, Starks Family Funeral Home of St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Ivory J. Rivera,** 62, of Benton Harbor died Oct. 8, 2022, at Spectrum Health Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Marilyn S. Schrumpf,** 74, of Galien died Oct. 9, 2022, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Swem Chapel, Starks Family Funeral Home of Buchanan, 695-6881.

**Mary Ann Washington,** 37, of Benton Harbor died Oct. 6, 2022, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

### James D. Fuller

Oct. 5, 1973 - Oct. 9, 2022

James Daniel Fuller, 49, of Hartford passed away suddenly on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, at home.

James was born Oct. 5, 1973, in St. Joseph, the son of Harry and Elizabeth (Lurline) Fuller.

James loved his family, fishing, good music and playing the guitar. He was loving, caring and protective of the ones he loved. He has impacted many lived, is loved by many and will be missed dearly.

James is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Fuller of Hartford; four siblings: Harry Fuller, Kathy Burnett and Jeffrey Fuller, all of Hartford, and Jerri (Don) Livingston of Herne, Texas. He is also survived by two nephews; and six nieces.

James is preceded in passing by his father, Harry Fuller, on Sept. 26, 2014.

The family will welcome friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. A private graveside service to honor his memory will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford, with Pastor Lonnie Truelove officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

### Marilyn S. Schrumpf

Jan. 28, 1948 - Oct. 9, 2022

Marilyn S. Schrumpf (Avery), 74, of Galien, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at Swem Chapel, 301 W. Front St., Buchanan. Burial will follow in Galien Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made in care of Laurie Wandland to be used to support her grandchildren's future endeavors in her memory. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Marilyn was born on Jan. 28, 1948, to Charles and Caroline (Zachary) Avery in Benton Harbor.

She graduated from Hartford High School in 1966.

On March 27, 1971, Marilyn married Richard D. Schrumpf. Together they had four children, and she enjoyed being a homemaker and helping on the family farm. When Richard passed unexpectedly in 1986, she began working at Galien Schools. While working, Marilyn went back to school in 1988, receiving her nursing degree from Lake Michigan College in 1990. Marilyn then served as a nurse at Lakeland Hospital in Berrien Center for 25 years before retiring.

Marilyn was devoted to her family and their opportunity for success and happiness. Through her example, she set the tone for the family's perseverance, strong work ethic, pride and compassion. She was an incredibly supportive and caring person, who would move mountains for those she loved. Above all, Marilyn enjoyed being a mother to her children, grandchildren, and all whom she encountered.

Marilyn is survived by her children: Susan (Rodney Roberts) Schrumpf, Debbie (Steve Johnson) Schrumpf, Laurie (Jed) Wandland, and special daughter, Ruthie; grandchildren: Isaac Schrumpf, Dean Roberts, Michael Wandland and Olivia Wandland; sister, Sheila (Don) Tillman; sisters-in-law: Sharon Overhiser, Doris Schrumpf, Ruth Schrumpf and brother-in-law, Arnold Tillman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Schrumpf; son, Eric Schrumpf; sisters: Pam Champ, Christine Tillman; and brother, Larry Avery.

# Angela Lansbury, 'Murder She Wrote' star, dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Angela Lansbury, the scene-stealing British actor who kicked up her heels in the Broadway musicals "Mame" and "Gypsy" and solved endless murders as crime novelist Jessica Fletcher in the long-running TV series "Murder, She Wrote," has died. She was 96.

Lansbury died Tuesday at her home in Los Angeles, according to a statement from her three children. She died five days shy of her 97th birthday.

Hers was a 75-year career that included beloved musicals on stage, iron-fisted matriarchs on film, singing the theme song for the animated movie "Beauty and the Beast," being made a Dame by Queen Elizabeth II and the creation of one of television's best loved characters.

Lansbury won five Tony Awards for her Broadway performances and a lifetime achievement award. She earned Academy Award nominations as supporting actress for two of her first three films, "Gaslight" (1945) and "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1946), and was nominated again in 1962 for "The Manchurian Candidate" and her deadly portrayal of a Communist agent and the title character's mother.

Casey Curry / Invision

Angela Lansbury poses for a portrait during press day for "Blithe Spirit" in Los Angeles on Dec. 16, 2014.

Her mature demeanor prompted producers to cast her much older than her actual age. In 1948, when she was 23, her hair was streaked with gray so she could play a fortyish newspaper publisher with a yen for Spencer Tracy in "State of the Union."

Her stardom came in middle age when she became the hit of the New York theater, winning Tony Awards for "Mame" (1966), "Dear World" (1969), "Gypsy" (1975) and "Sweeney Todd" (1979).

She was back on Broadway and got another Tony nomination in 2007 in Terrence McNally's "Deuce," playing a scrappy, brash former tennis star, reflecting with another ex-star as she watches a modern-day match from the stands. In 2009 she collected her fifth Tony, for best featured actress in a revival of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" and in 2015 won an Olivier Award in the role.

Broadway royalty paid their respects. Audra McDonald tweeted: "She was an icon, a legend, a gem, and about the nicest lady you'd ever want to meet." Leslie Uggams on Twitter wrote: "Dame Angela was so sweet to me when I made my Broadway debut. She was a key person in welcoming me to the community. She truly lived, lived, lived!"

In addition to her three children, Anthony, Deirdre and David, she is survived by three grandchildren, Peter, Katherine and Ian, plus five great grandchildren and her brother, producer Edgar Lansbury.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 25 years ago - 1997

Fifty Niles grade school students, chaperons and teachers got a special train ride recently thanks to Amtrak and the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The group made the trip to the museum and village as special guests of the two and State Sen. Garry Gast, R-St. Joseph.

### 35 years ago - 1987

Weesaw Township will remain without traffic lights as the result of a township board vote. The board voted unanimously last week against installing a blinker light at the intersection of California and Sawyer roads.

### 50 years ago - 1972

This year's Weesaw Township Halloween festival on Oct. 28, will feature the largest parade in New Troy history, according to festival chairman Jim Richardson. The parade will include nearly 50 units and will pass over a new route covering about two miles.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2022. There are 80 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On Oct. 12, 1976, it was announced in China that Hua Guofeng had been named to succeed the late Mao Zedong as chairman of the Communist Party; it was also announced that Mao's widow and three others, known as the "Gang of Four," had been arrested.

**On this date:**

In 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus' expedition arrived in the present-day Bahamas.

In 1792, the first recorded U.S. celebration of Columbus Day was held to mark the tricentennial of Christopher Columbus' landing.

In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Virginia, at age 63.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1971, the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

In 1986, the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

In 2002, bombs blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Showers Likely | Showers Likely | Few Showers | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy |
| 67° | 47° | 55° / 39° | 52° / 41° | 56° / 42° | 54° / 39° |

### Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers, high temperature of 67°, humidity of 67%. South southwest wind 16 to 21 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of showers, overnight low of 47°. West southwest wind 7 to 16 mph.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:54 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:08 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 8:39 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:53 a.m.

| Last | New | First | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10/17 | 10/25 | 11/1 | 11/8 |

### Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 69° |
| Low | 54° |
| Normal High | 68° |
| Normal Low | 46° |
| Record High | 81° in 2010 |
| Record Low | 32° in 2006 |

**Precipitation**

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|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.05" |
| Normal for month | 1.22" |
| Year to date | 17.76" |
| Normal Year to date | 27.09" |

### Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 74
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

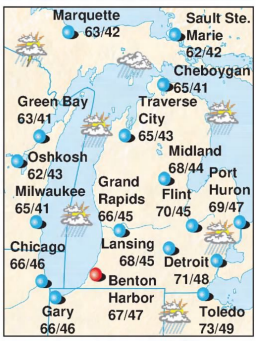
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 ..... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

### Weather Trivia

*Why does thunder always come after the lightning bolt?*

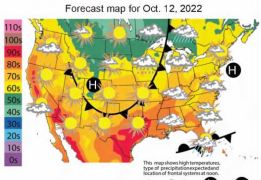
Answer: Because sound travels slower than light.

### Regional Map




### National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 12, 2022




For latest weather updates: **www.wxtogo.com/HP**

### Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 21 to 25 kt. Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Waves 3 to 4 ft. Water temperature 68 degrees. Tonight, W wind 13 to 18 kt increasing to 23 to 28 kt.

### Michigan Forecast

**Upper Peninsula**

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s. South southwest wind 7 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s.

**Lower Peninsula**

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. South southwest wind 16 to 21 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with scattered showers, highs in the 50s. West wind 11 to 18 mph.

# Ex-governor asks court to drop Flint water charges

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

SNYDER

DETROIT — Lawyers for former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder urged a judge Tuesday to dismiss misdemeanor charges related to the Flint water crisis, a week after another judge took that step with seven other former officials.

Snyder wasn't covered by Judge Elizabeth Kelly's decision because she was overseeing felony charges against the seven. But his legal team said the "same law and logic" must be applied, especially after the Michigan Supreme Court said the indictments were invalid.

"This court should reach the same conclusion," attorney Gaetan Gerville-Reache said in a filing.

Snyder's next hearing with Judge F. Kay Behm is set for Oct. 26. He is charged with two counts of willful neglect of duty.

In 2014, Flint managers appointed by Snyder took the city out of a regional water system and began using the Flint River to save money while a new pipeline to Lake Huron was being built. But the river water wasn't treated to reduce its corrosive qualities. Lead broke off from old pipes and contaminated the system for more than a year.

Snyder and eight others, including his administration's two senior health officials, were indicted by a one-judge grand jury, an unusual, secretive way to get criminal charges in Michigan. The Supreme Court, however, said in June that a judge doesn't have that authority, throwing the investigation of the water scandal into disarray.

Kelly rejected efforts by the attorney general's office to simply send the cases to Flint District Court and turn them into common criminal complaints. Prosecutors are trying to do the same in Snyder's case – a "magical conversion," Gerville-Reache said.

It's possible that prosecutors could start from scratch and file charges again, though a six-year statute of limitations could be a hurdle with Snyder and others.

Flint in 2015 returned to a water system based in southeastern Michigan. Roughly 10,100 lead or steel water lines had been replaced at homes by December 2021.

The city had 100,000 residents in 2010, but the population fell roughly 20 percent to 81,000 by the 2020 census following the water crisis, according to the government.

## MEDIC 1

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Members nominated Tilly, Weich and Hildebrand for the chair position. Tilly withdrew his name, because he had not served on the Medic 1 board in several decades. The board approved Weich and Hildebrand's nominations unanimously, with Weich and Hildebrand abstaining in their votes.

The nominating discussion became sidetracked, after board member Bill Boyd Sr. asked whether the board had acted too rashly in placing Fisher on administrative leave. He asked other members if they had second thoughts.

"How does it look to the public, (if) we're accusing him of doing something that there was no bylaw regulating?" Boyd Sr. asked.

Blanco told the board he worried the lack of bylaws concerning Fisher's placement on administrative leave could leave the board exposed to potential litigation. Other members said they needed to name a new chair and vice chair so the board could move forward with the process of making new bylaws and handling Fisher's case.

After the board filled the executive board vacancy, Blanco said he would be unable to represent the board in any potential labor litigation with Fisher, as he had worked closely with Fisher in the past. Neubecker recommended the board retain an independent labor lawyer from Miller Johnson in either Grand Rapids or Kalamazoo.

Several members asked if it was premature to hire a lawyer before any litigation arose. Neubecker said the board would only be charged in the event of litigation.

The interim director, Jason Wiley, briefed board members on operations toward the end of the meeting.

The board entered into closed session to discuss matters with Blanco. Weich declined to comment further.

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## ABSENTEE

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In addition to the high-impact races for governor, attorney general and secretary of state, a ballot initiative this November seeking to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution is expected to lead to high voter turnout.

The low percentage of absentee ballots turned in as of Monday puts increased importance on a gubernatorial debate Thursday between Democrat Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Republican challenger Tudor Dixon.

The debate will bring increased exposure for Dixon, who has struggled to boost favorability among voters on television due to a lack of fundraising and attack ads from pro-Whitmer groups. A $3.5 million ad buy from the Republican Governors Association will begin running pro-Dixon ads in Michigan on Wednesday.

While early voting in the state began on Sept. 29, clerks can only begin processing the returned ballots the Sunday before Election Day under an agreement reached last month by Whitmer and the Republican-controlled Legislature.

Clerks are allowed to remove absentee ballots from their outer envelopes but still can't remove secrecy sleeves or count votes until 7 a.m. on Election Day.

Delays in results in the battleground state, which has one of the most decentralized election systems in the country, has left room for the spread of misinformation in the past.

Michigan does not require voters to identify party affiliation when voting in a general election, making it unclear whether more Democrats or Republicans are turning in absentee ballots.

Kristina Karamo, the Michigan GOP nominee for secretary of state, and GOP attorney general nominee Matthew DePerno have both pushed claims during their campaigns that absentee voting leads to increased fraud.

At a recent rally for former President Donald Trump in Warren that featured Michigan GOP state and congressional candidates, MyPillow chief executive Mike Lindell encouraged voters to wait to vote until Election Day because absentee voting makes it "easier for them to cheat."

Michigan-based pollster Bernie Porn said polling by his firm, EPIC-MRA, has shown that more Democrats were planning to vote absentee in the upcoming general election than Republicans.

An initiative on this year's ballot brought on by Promote The Vote, a voting rights group that helped pass the 2018 no-reason absentee voting amendment, would further increase accessibility to absentee voting. Among other things, the initiative would allow people to join a permanent list to receive absentee ballots every election, along with requiring nine days of in-person early voting.

## ACCESS

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In Michigan, a ballot initiative would pre-empt Republican attempts to tighten photo identification laws by amending the state Constitution to include the current alternative of signing an affidavit. It also would expand early voting options, require state-funded return postage and drop boxes for absentee ballots, and specify that the Board of State Canvassers has only a "clerical, nondiscretionary" duty to certify election results.

Trump allies had tried to persuade canvassers to delay certifying the 2020 results.

The goal of the new initiative is to "enhance the integrity and security of the elections by sort of modernizing how they're administered and making them more accessible," said Khalilah Spencer, president of Promote the Vote, which backs the measure.

On the other side, Michigan Republican Party spokesman Gustavo Portela said the initiative "opens the door up for fraud" through the combination of early voting and a constitutional exception to showing photo ID.

Arizona, which Biden won by about 10,500 votes, was a center of controversy in the 2020 election. After a six-month review focused on Arizona's largest county, a Trump friendly firm hired by Republican state lawmakers ended up with vote results confirming Democrat Biden's victory.

Republicans who control the Legislature subsequently placed a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would strengthen voter identification laws. It would require people voting in person to show a photo ID, and eliminate a current alternative of providing two documents bearing a person's name and address, such as a recent utility bill and bank statement.

People voting with mailed ballots – the vast majority in Arizona – would have to list their date of birth and either their driver's license number, a state identification number or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Republican state Sen. J.D. Mesnard, who sponsored the measure, said the intent is to "make the election as secure as possible" while addressing "a growing crisis in confidence" that could discourage some people from voting.

But rather than reassuring voters, tougher ID requirements could dissuade some from voting at all and actually lead to fraud by exposing personal information, said Darrell Hill, policy director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, which opposes the measure.

"You're opening people up to greater potential identity theft," Hill said.

Only a few states – Georgia, Minnesota, Ohio – have similar proof-of-identity measures for mailed ballots, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Arkansas requires voters to provide a copy of a photo ID when returning a mailed ballot.

In Nebraska, Republicans haven't been able to get a voter photo ID bill through the nonpartisan Legislature. But it will appear on the November ballot, thanks to an initiative petition drive bankrolled by Marlene Ricketts, the mother of term-limited Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts.

Civic Nebraska, a voting rights group opposed to the measure, describes it as "a solution in search of a problem."

"There's not an iota of evidence in Nebraska that says we would need this extra step" to vote, said Civic Nebraska spokesman Steve Smith.

Gov. Ricketts acknowledged during a recent radio call-in show that there hasn't been much election fraud. But he said "one of the things that came out of the 2020 election is that people had concern about the integrity of our voting systems."

Just four states – Alabama, Connecticut, Mississippi and New Hampshire – lack an in-person early voting option for all voters. Connecticut's November ballot will feature a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the Democratic-led General Assembly to create an early voting law. A similar ballot proposal failed in 2014.

Supporters in Connecticut hope this time is different – both because the new version is more clearly written and because the vote comes after the coronavirus pandemic heightened awareness about early voting.

"The idea that everybody has free time on a Tuesday between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. – and that's their only opportunity to participate in our democracy – is a little dated," said Democratic state Sen. Mae Flexer, co-chair of the Connecticut legislative committee that sponsored the measure.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 election. Judges have turned away dozens of challenges by Trump and his allies, multiple state reviews have confirmed the results, and Trump's own Department of Justice concluded the election outcome was accurate.

Nevada's proposed constitutional amendment would advance the top five vote-getters in an open primary. It then would use ranked-choice voting to determine the winner of the general election. If no candidate received a majority on the first count, the votes for the bottom candidate would be reassigned to voters' next preferences until one candidate has a majority.

A similar system already exists for some elections in Maine, where Republicans have opposed it. Ranked-choice voting also began this year in Alaska. Former Republican Gov. Sarah Palin derided it as "crazy, convoluted, confusing" after losing a special election for U.S. House in August.

Nevada's ranked-choice initiative has been opposed by majority Democrats, including Gov. Steve Sisolak, who said it "would make our system confusing, error-prone, and exclusionary."

# Alvarez 3-run HR caps Astros comeback, 8-7 win over Mariners

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Yordan Alvarez hit a game-ending, three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning off Robbie Ray, wrecking Seattle's strategy of using a Cy Young Award winner in a rare relief role and vaulting the Houston Astros over the Mariners 8-7 Tuesday in their playoff opener.

Trailing all game after a poor start by Justin Verlander, the AL West champion Astros overtook rookie star Julio Rodríguez and the wild-card Mariners at the end to begin their best-of-five Division Series.

Houston was down 7-5 when rookie pinch-hitter David Hensley reached with one out in the ninth as Seattle closer Paul Sewald grazed his jersey with a pitch. Sewald struck out Jose Altuve before Jeremy Peña laced a single to center field to chase Sewald.

Ray, who had made only six relief appearances in his career, entered for a lefty versus lefty matchup with Alvarez, who sent the second pitch he faced deep into the seats in right field to set off a wild celebration.

The Mariners jumped on Verlander for six runs in just four innings to build a 6-2 lead early. Yuli Gurriel hit a solo homer in the Houston fourth before Eugenio Suarez's solo shot in the seventh extended Seattle's lead to 7-3.

A two-run homer by Alex Bregman off Andrés Muñoz cut the lead to 7-5 in the eighth inning to set up the dramatic finish.

### Yankees 4, Guardians 1

NEW YORK – Gerrit Cole cruised for most of the night, Harrison Bader and Anthony Rizzo homered and New York beat Cleveland in the teams' AL Division Series opener.

The Yankees have won six straight postseason games against Cleveland, dating to a comeback from a 2-0 deficit in the 2017 Division Series.

Cole got the win in his first postseason game for the Yankees in the Bronx. He left after giving up one run and four hits in 6 1/3 innings with eight strikeouts. Jonathan Loáisiga, Wandy Peralta and Clay Holmes finished with two-hit relief to begin the best-of-five matchup.

Coming off a two-game sweep of Tampa Bay in the wild-card round, Cleveland struck out nine times, after having the fewest in the major leagues during the regular season.

Jose Trevino hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the fifth after Isiah Kiner-Falefa reached on a single into the right-field corner and wild-card series star Oscar Gonzalez allowed the ball to bounce throw his legs for a two-base error.

Rizzo chased Cal Quantrill with a drive into the right-field second desk in the sixth after Aaron Judge walked.

Quantrill lost for the first time since July 5. He gave up four runs – three earned – four hits and three walks in five-plus innings.

### Phillies 7, Braves 6

ATLANTA – Nick Castellanos drove in three runs and made a potentially game-saving catch in the ninth inning, lifting Philadelphia over reigning World Series champion Atlanta in the opener of their NL Division Series.

Game 2 is Wednesday afternoon in Atlanta before the series shifts to Philly.

The Phillies have won three straight games to begin these playoffs, following up their wild-card sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with a victory over the team that finished 14 games ahead of them in the NL East.

Matt Olson hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Zach Eflin to bring the Braves within a run. Castellanos capped off a brilliant day with his bat and his glove, making a sliding catch in right field for help snuff out the comeback.

Alec Bohm added two RBIs for the Phillies, who built a 7-1 lead by the top of the fifth. Travis d'Arnaud homered and drove in the other three Atlanta runs.

Max Fried failed to get through the fourth inning and was roughed up for eight hits and six runs – two of them unearned. Seranthony Dominguez struck out three in two innings of relief for the win.

## GOLF

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figure out a way to move the date and make it more significant.

"But you know what? You go there, you'll find out the people will still be there. There will be great crowds, they'll raise a lot of money and it will do well in spite of not having some of the players. It's still pretty good."

It's not just the Honda Classic. The Valspar Championship in the Tampa area falls after The Players and before the Dell Match Play. Still to determined are four other tournaments that will be among the elevated events with $20 million purses and how they fit into a suddenly tight schedule.

Nicklaus laughed when reminded of his career earnings that top $5.7 million.

"It's amazing," he said. "The golfers of today are blessed by what they do and the money they can raise and play for. It's unbelievable. But you look at the other sports, and they're doing the same thing."

## BULLS

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Dragic and some missing toughness with the arrival of Drummond, a two-time All-Star and four-time rebounding champion.

### Leap for Williams

The Bulls hope the third season is the charm for Patrick Williams.

They want the Florida State product to be more aggressive on offense rather than defer, as well as contribute on both ends of the floor on a more consistent basis than he has since he was the No. 4 draft pick in 2020.

Williams has shown flashes, but a wrist injury that limited him to 17 games last season didn't help.

### No mercy

The Bulls will be tested at the start.

Three of their first four games are against Miami, Cleveland and Boston. They open with a road game against Jimmy Butler and the Heat on Oct. 19.

## ROUGHING

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a priority for owners, who pay big bucks for the faces of their franchises. Twenty-five QBs are making at least $25 million this season.

The questionable call against Jones – the second in two days – nearly cost Kansas City in its 30-29 comeback victory over the Las Vegas Raiders.

The Chiefs had just scored to trim their deficit to 17-7 when Jones stripped Raiders quarterback Derek Carr from behind just before halftime. The Pro Bowl defensive tackle landed on Carr while also coming up with the ball – replays showed it was clearly loose and that Jones cleanly recovered – but referee Carl Cheffers threw a flag for roughing the passer.

"The quarterback is in the pocket and he's in a passing posture. He gets full protection of all the aspects of what we give the quarterback in a passing posture," Cheffers told a pool reporter after the game. "My ruling was the defender landed on him with full body weight. The quarterback is protected from being tackled with full body weight."

Ed Zurga / AP

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Derek Carr (4) is sacked by Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones, right, during the first half of Monday's game.

On Sunday, Falcons defensive tackle Grady Jarrett was flagged by referee Jerome Boger for a seemingly harmless sack on Tom Brady. The penalty gave the Buccaneers a first down and allowed them to run out the clock on a 21-15 victory.

Boger made a similar critical call late in the fourth quarter of the Ravens-Bills game a week earlier on a play that many also thought didn't to warrant a flag.

Boger called another borderline roughing penalty in the Falcons-Buccaneers game when Vita Vea was pushed into Atlanta quarterback Marcus Mariota.

## PISTONS

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played for three WNBA teams (including the Detroit Shock) and coaches Notre Dame's women's basketball team. His father, Javin Hunter, was a standout receiver at Notre Dame. And his late grandfather, James Hunter, started 77 games at defensive back for the Detroit Lions from 1976 to 1982.

### Diamond in rough

Duren, the youngest player in the draft, will be an NBA player for about a month before he turns 19.

"He's going to be a jewel for this city for a long time," Casey said.

The athletic 6-11, 250-pound center averaged 12 points, 8.1 rebounds, 2.1 blocks and 25.3 minutes per game last season as a freshman at Memphis.

### Supporting cast

Saddiq Bey, the No. 19 pick in 2020, broke the team's single-season franchise record for 3-pointers last season and averaged 16 points. Center Isaiah Stewart, the No. 16 pick two years ago, averaged eight-plus points and rebounds. Marvin Bagley, the No. 2 pick overall in 2018, averaged 14 points after he was acquired last year and re-signed as a restricted free agent for $37 million over three years.

Julia Nikhinson / AP

Detroit Pistons forward Bojan Bogdanovic dribbles the ball during the first half of a preseason basketball game against the New York Knicks last Tuesday.

### Pivotal player

Killian Hayes has averaged fewer than seven points a game in each of his two seasons, falling short of projections for a player drafted by Detroit at No. 7 overall in 2020.

## CLIFFORD

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to the ribs that knocked him out of the team's Oct. 9 loss at Iowa. The Nittany Lions never recovered, losing five of their next seven.

Clifford didn't spend time during his break dwelling on his worst outing of the season, either.

He was just 10 for 20 in the rain in Penn State's 17-7 win over Northwestern, tossed a bad interception and nearly had two other passes picked off. Meanwhile, each of the team's top three running backs fumbled and speedy wideout KeAndre Lambert-Smith was hurt – he's expected to be back for this weekend.

Clifford has excelled at directing traffic and coaching up his younger teammates, notably freshmen backs Nick Singleton and Kaytron Allen who both spent time on the bench after miscues against the Wildcats.

"His entire career and his entire season kind of keeps building up to moments like this and opportunities like this," Penn State coach James Franklin said of Clifford. "To win on the road against this type of opponent, we're going to have to play well and that also includes our quarterback."

Franklin also said Clifford "has done some really good things," mentioning the passing game and run game.

For linemen like Wormley, Clifford's positives include big throws down the field. Clifford can only make those if he has time – and the Wolverines excel at taking it away, especially on third downs where opponents are completing just 39 percent of their passes.

Michigan is coming off a seven-sack performance against Indiana; Hoosier quarterback Connor Bazelak completed just 25 of 49 passes.

But Wormley isn't worried.

"I don't think we've proved anything yet," Wormley said. "I feel like the season still just started when we're five games in. I feel like we have plenty more football, plenty more opportunities to show what we're really capable of, and I feel like we're taking strides."

## SCOREBOARD

### HS FOOTBALL

**Michigan Prep Football Poll**

**Division 1**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Belleville (5) | (7-0) | 50 |
| 2. Caledonia | (7-0) | 44 |
| 3. Rockford | (7-0) | 39 |
| 4. Macomb Dakota | (7-0) | 37 |
| 5. Rochester Adams | (6-1) | 26 |
| 6. West Bloomfield | (6-1) | 23 |
| 7. Lapeer | (7-0) | 17 |
| 8. Brighton | (7-0) | 16 |
| 9. Davison | (6-1) | 10 |
| 10. Saline | (6-1) | 4 |

Others receiving votes: Romeo 3. Southfield 2. Detroit Catholic Central 2. Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 2.

**Division 2**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Dexter (4) | (7-0) | 49 |
| 2. Warren De La Salle (1) | (6-1) | 46 |
| 3. Livonia Franklin | (7-0) | 37 |
| 4. Muskegon Mona Shores | (6-1) | 36 |
| 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central | (7-0) | 32 |
| 6. South Lyon | (6-1) | 23 |
| 7. Midland | (6-1) | 17 |
| (tie) East Lansing | (6-1) | 17 |
| 9. Birmingham Seaholm | (7-0) | 9 |
| 10. Battle Creek Central | (6-1) | 5 |

Others receiving votes: Saginaw Heritage 2. Swartz Creek 1. Temperance Bedford 1.

**Division 3**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Detroit King (5) | (5-1) | 50 |
| 2. Mason | (7-0) | 44 |
| 3. Muskegon | (5-2) | 36 |
| 4. River Rouge | (5-1) | 33 |
| 5. Mount Pleasant | (6-1) | 31 |
| 6. St. Joseph | (6-1) | 28 |
| 7. Walled Lake Western | (6-1) | 21 |
| 8. Zeeland West | (6-1) | 19 |
| 9. Grosse Pointe North | (7-0) | 9 |
| 10. Trenton | (6-1) | 3 |
| (tie) Cadillac | (5-2) | 3 |

Others receiving votes: none.

**Division 4**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Grand Rapids South Christian (4) | (7-0) | 49 |
| 2. Whitehall (1) | (7-0) | 46 |
| 3. Riverview | (7-0) | 40 |
| 4. Redford Union | (7-0) | 35 |
| 5. Freeland | (6-1) | 30 |
| 6. Edwardsburg | (6-1) | 20 |
| 7. Croswell-Lexington | (6-1) | 17 |
| 8. Goodrich | (6-1) | 13 |
| 9. Tecumseh | (7-0) | 13 |
| 10. Fruitport | (5-2) | 4 |

Others receiving votes: Chelsea 3. Hudsonville Unity Christian 2. North Branch 2. Charlotte 1.

**Division 5**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. GR Catholic Central (3) | (6-1) | 48 |
| 2. Frankenmuth (2) | (7-0) | 47 |
| 3. Detroit Country Day | (5-1) | 40 |
| 4. Gladwin | (7-0) | 33 |
| 5. Corunna | (6-1) | 28 |
| 6. Portland | (6-1) | 26 |
| 7. Marine City | (6-1) | 16 |
| 8. Muskegon Oakridge | (6-1) | 13 |
| 9. Belding | (6-1) | 8 |
| 10. Olivet | (6-1) | 5 |

Others receiving votes: Armada 3. Berrien Springs 3. Kingsley 3. Flint Hamady 2.

**Division 6**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Clinton (4) | (7-0) | 49 |
| 2. Standish-Sterling | (7-0) | 42 |
| 3. Negaunee | (7-0) | 40 |
| 4. GR West Catholic (1) | (6-1) | 32 |
| 5. Durand | (7-0) | 28 |
| 6. Boyne City | (7-0) | 23 |
| 7. Millington | (6-1) | 15 |
| (tie) Warren Michigan Collegiate | (6-1) | 15 |
| 9. Constantine | (6-1) | 9 |
| (tie) Madison Heights Bishop Foley | (7-0) | 9 |

Others receiving votes: Ecorse 5. Reed City 5. Almont 2. Buchanan 1.

**Division 7**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Traverse City St. Francis (4) | (7-0) | 40 |
| 2. Hudson | (7-0) | 36 |
| 3. Detroit Central | (7-0) | 32 |
| 4. Ithaca | (6-1) | 25 |
| 5. Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker | (7-0) | 23 |
| 6. Napoleon | (7-0) | 20 |
| 7. North Muskegon | (6-1) | 14 |
| 8. Charlevoix | (6-1) | 8 |
| 9. New Lothrop | (6-1) | 7 |
| (tie) Jackson Lumen Christi | (4-3) | 7 |
| (tie) Lawton | (6-1) | 7 |

Others receiving votes: Union City 1.

**Division 8**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Ottawa Lake Whiteford (4) | (7-0) | 40 |
| 2. Beal City | (7-0) | 36 |
| 3. Ubly | (7-0) | 32 |
| 4. Iron Mountain | (6-1) | 28 |
| 5. Evart | (6-1) | 22 |
| 6. Centreville | (6-1) | 15 |
| 7. Fowler | (6-1) | 12 |
| 8. Frankfort | (6-1) | 10 |
| 9. Reading | (6-1) | 9 |
| (tie) Saginaw Mich Luth Sem | (6-1) | 9 |

Others receiving votes: Harbor Beach 4. St. Ignace LaSalle 3.

**Division 1 (8-player)**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. GR NorthPointe Christian (4) | (7-0) | 48 |
| 2. Adrian Lenawee Christian | (6-1) | 41 |
| (tie) Merrill (1) | (7-0) | 41 |
| 4. Munising | (7-0) | 33 |
| 5. Martin | (6-1) | 31 |
| 6. Bridgman | (7-0) | 26 |
| 7. Rogers City | (7-0) | 12 |
| 8. Kingston | (7-0) | 11 |
| 9. Newberry | (6-1) | 10 |
| 10. Farwell | (7-0) | 5 |

Others receiving votes: Brown City 4. Norway 4. Mesick 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 3. Lincoln-Alcona 2.

**Division 2 (8-player)**

| School | Record | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Powers North Central (4) | (7-0) | 40 |
| 2. Colon | (7-0) | 36 |
| 3. Marion | (7-0) | 30 |
| 4. Climax-Scotts | (6-1) | 24 |
| 5. Morrice | (6-1) | 20 |
| 6. Crystal Falls Forest Park | (6-1) | 18 |
| 7. Peck | (6-1) | 15 |
| 8. Posen | (6-1) | 14 |
| 9. Au Gres-Sims | (6-1) | 11 |
| 10. Mendon | (5-2) | 9 |

Others receiving votes: Lake Linden-Hubbell 3.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

| East | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Michigan | 3 | 0 | 92 | 51 | 6 | 0 | 258 | 68 |
| Ohio St. | 3 | 0 | 150 | 51 | 6 | 0 | 293 | 94 |
| Penn St. | 2 | 0 | 52 | 38 | 5 | 0 | 172 | 74 |
| Maryland | 1 | 2 | 83 | 78 | 4 | 2 | 204 | 136 |
| Indiana | 1 | 2 | 54 | 86 | 3 | 3 | 146 | 183 |
| Rutgers | 0 | 3 | 33 | 90 | 3 | 3 | 137 | 132 |
| Michigan St. | 0 | 3 | 40 | 110 | 2 | 4 | 155 | 162 |
| **West** | **Conference** | | | | **All Games** | | | |
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Illinois | 2 | 1 | 63 | 39 | 5 | 1 | 156 | 48 |
| Purdue | 2 | 1 | 82 | 74 | 4 | 2 | 195 | 132 |
| Nebraska | 2 | 1 | 77 | 65 | 3 | 3 | 171 | 176 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1 | 44 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 193 | 44 |
| Iowa | 1 | 2 | 47 | 46 | 3 | 3 | 88 | 59 |
| Wisconsin | 1 | 2 | 73 | 93 | 3 | 3 | 191 | 117 |
| Northwestern | 1 | 2 | 45 | 87 | 1 | 5 | 106 | 166 |

**Friday's Games**

Nebraska 14, Rutgers 13

**Saturday's Games**

Purdue 31, Maryland 29
Michigan 31, Indiana 10
Wisconsin 42, Northwestern 7
Ohio St. 49, Michigan St. 20
Illinois 9, Iowa 6

**Saturday, Oct. 15**

Minnesota at Illinois, Noon
Penn St. at Michigan, Noon
Maryland at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
Wisconsin at Michigan St., 4 p.m.
Nebraska at Purdue, 7:30 p.m.

### MLB

**DIVISION SERIES**
**(Best-of-5)**
**American League**
**Houston 1, Seattle 0**

Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Houston 8, Seattle 7
Thursday, Oct. 13 — Seattle (Castillo 4-2) at Houston (Valdez 17-6), 3:37 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 15 — Houston at Seattle, 4:07 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — Houston at Seattle, 3:07 p.m. (TBS)
x-Monday, Oct. 17 — Seattle at Houston, 5:07 p.m. (TNT)

**New York 1, Cleveland 0**

Tuesday, Oct. 11 — New York 4, Cleveland 1
Thursday, Oct. 13 — Cleveland (Bieber 13-8) at New York (Cortes 12-4) 7:37 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 15 — New York (Severino 7-3) at Cleveland (McKenzie 11-11), 7:37 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — New York at Cleveland, 7:07 p.m. (TBS)
x-Monday, Oct. 17 — Cleveland at New York, 7:37 p.m. (TBS)

**National League**
**Los Angeles vs. San Diego**

Tuesday, Oct. 11 — San Diego (Clevinger 7-7) at Los Angeles (Urias 17-7)
Wednesday, Oct. 12 — San Diego (Darvish 16-8) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 12-3), 8:37 p.m. (FS1)
Friday, Oct. 14 — Los Angeles at San Diego, 8:37 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 15 — Los Angeles at San Diego, 9:37 p.m. (FS1)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — San Diego at Los Angeles, 9:07 p.m. (FS1)

**Phila. 1, Atlanta 0**

Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Phila. 7, Atlanta 6
Wednesday, Oct. 12 — Phila. (Wheeler 12-7) at Atlanta (Wright 21-5), 4:37 p.m. (Fox)
Friday, Oct. 14 — Atlanta at Phila. (Nola 11-13), 4:37 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 15 — Atlanta at Phila., 2:07 p.m. (FS1)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — Phila. at Atlanta, 4:37 p.m. (FS1)

### NFL

**Monday's Game**

Kansas City 30, Las Vegas 29

**Thursday's Game**

Washington at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 16**

Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Phila., 8:20 p.m.
Open: Houston, Las Vegas, Tennessee, Detroit

**Monday, Oct. 17**

Denver at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

By HP STAFF

### FOOTBALL

**Area standings**

**SMAC**

| League | | Overall | |
|---|---|---|---|
| St. Joseph | 5-0 | 6-1 | |
| B.C. Central | 5-0 | 6-1 | |
| Portage Northern | 3-2 | 4-3 | |
| Lakeshore | 3-2 | 3-4 | |
| Mattawan | 2-3 | 3-4 | |
| Portage Central | 2-3 | 2-5 | |
| B.C. Lakeview | 0-5 | 1-5 | |
| Kalamazoo Central | 0-5 | 0-7 | |

**LAKELAND**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Buchanan | 3-0 | 6-1 |
| Berrien Springs | 2-1 | 5-1 |
| Benton Harbor | 2-1 | 4-3 |
| Brandywine | 1-2 | 4-3 |
| Dowagiac | 0-4 | 1-6 |

**SAC LAKESHORE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Constantine | 3-0 | 6-1 |
| Parchment | 2-1 | 4-3 |
| Watervliet | 1-2 | 4-3 |
| Kal. United | 1-2 | 3-4 |
| Allegan | 1-2 | 3-4 |
| South Haven | 1-2 | 2-5 |

**SAC VALLEY**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lawton | 3-0 | 6-1 |
| Schoolcraft | 1-1 | 4-3 |
| Delton | 1-1 | 4-3 |
| Galesburg-Aug. | 1-2 | 2-5 |
| Saugatuck | 0-2 | 2-5 |

**WOLVERINE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Edwardsburg | 6-0 | 6-1 |
| Sturgis | 4-2 | 5-2 |
| Three Rivers | 4-2 | 4-3 |
| Vicksburg | 3-2 | 4-3 |
| Paw Paw | 2-3 | 3-4 |
| Niles | 2-4 | 3-4 |
| Plainwell | 1-4 | 3-4 |
| Otsego | 0-6 | 0-7 |

**SOUTHWEST 10**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Centreville | 4-0 | 6-1 |
| Decatur | 3-1 | 5-2 |
| White Pigeon | 2-2 | 4-3 |
| Comstock | 1-3 | 1-6 |
| Cassopolis | 0-4 | 0-7 |

**SWM EIGHT-MAN TIER 1**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Martin | 4-0 | 6-1 |
| Mendon | 4-1 | 5-2 |
| Gobles | 4-2 | 5-2 |
| Marcellus | 3-2 | 5-2 |
| Fennville | 2-3 | 3-4 |
| Bloomingdale | 0-4 | 0-7 |
| Bangor | 0-5 | 2-5 |

**SWM EIGHT-MAN TIER 2**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bridgman | 5-0 | 7-0 |
| Eau Claire | 4-2 | 5-2 |
| Red Arrow | 3-2 | 4-3 |
| Lawrence | 3-2 | 3-4 |
| Wyo. Tri-unity | 2-3 | 3-4 |
| Twin City | 1-4 | 1-6 |
| Wyo. Lee | 0-5 | 0-7 |

### BOYS SOCCER

**Monday's results**

**LAKESHORE 9, NILES 1**

Goals — Niles: Andrew Ntsiful. Lakeshore: Isaac Emerson 3, Aidan Baker 2, Trevor Olson, Connor White, Landon Koppenhoeffer.
Assists – Lakeshore: Noah Willemin 3, Chris Williams, Ethan Ganum, Isaac Emerson, White, Koppenhoeffer.
Shots on goal – Lakeshore 19, Niles 4.
Saves – Anthowne Whitlow (N) 10, John Emerson (L) 4.
Halftime – Lakeshore 2-1.
Records – Lakeshore 5-9-4.

**WATERVLIET 5, LAWTON 4**

Goals — Watervliet: Brady Bornas 4, Alex Hicks.
Assists – Watervliet: Zach Hastings 2, Hicks 2.
Halftime – Watervliet 2-1.
Records – Watervliet 8-6-3.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Tuesday's scores**

Watervliet d. Coloma 25-17, 25-12, 25-10

**Monday's results**

**BUCHANAN D. ST. JOSEPH**
**25-12, 26-24, 17-25, 25-15**

St. Joseph — Maya Halsey 20 assists, 5 digs; Grace Williams 1 kill, 1 ace, 2 digs; Bridget Nuter 5 kills; Izzy Dias 2 kills, 2 assists, 2 digs; Lauren Hill 1 kill, 1 dig; Jalyn Snyder 1 kill, 6 assists, 2 aces, 4 digs; Emily Koestler 8 kills, 4 digs; Brooke Hartman 2 kills, 1 dig; Lola Laurent 3 kills, 1 block; Kiley Hayden 11 kills, 1 assist, 1 dig, 1 block.
Records – St. Joseph 9-11-4.

**DECATUR D. WHITE PIGEON**
**25-18, 25-17, 23-25, 25-19**

Decatur — Abby Baushke 29 assists, 2 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace; Gracie Smith 13 kills, 2 digs, 2 aces; Mackenzie Pattison 9 kills, 2 digs, 1 ace; Cecilia Confortti 7 kills, 3 digs, 2 blocks, 1 ace; Mallory Kelly 4 kills, 1 assist, 1 dig, 1 ace; Toni Coulson 13 digs, 1 assist, 2 aces; Sienna Potter 2 kills, 1 ace.

**BRIDGMAN D. SOUTH HAVEN**
**25-13, 25-13, 25-16**

Bridgman — Kylie Ott 7 digs, 1 ace; Bella Gearhart 3 kills, 10 digs, 18 assists, 1 ace; Lily Barker 3 kills, 4 blocks; Takiya Cornelius 7 kills, 2 blocks, 7 digs, 2 aces; Ava Starbuck 1 kill, 1 dig; Tatyanna Hill 5 kills, 3 blocks; Peyton Oman 2 kills, 14 digs, 1 assist, 3 aces; Melanie Warren 7 digs; Kaylee Schebel 1 kill, 1 dig; Shaya Walsh 1 kill, 1 dig.
Records – Bridgman 4-1 SAC Lakeshore, 31-4-1.

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE D. LAWRENCE**
**25-14, 25-11, 25-14**

Our Lady — Nora Proos 8 kills, 5 digs, 2 aces; JoJo Marsh 1 kill, 5 digs, 16 assists; Julia Wilcox 2 kills, 1 dig; Hazel Hysell 3 kills, 1 dig, 6 aces; Savina Liotine 4 kills, 1 dig, 1 ace; Cindy Stutz 1 kill, 3 digs, 6 aces; Aislin Sargent 3 digs; Aspen Zencka 1 kill, 2 digs, 1 ace.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING OCT. 12

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABC (7) (13) (41) (57) | Wheel of Fortune | The Conners (N) | The Goldbergs (N) | Abbott Elementary | Home Econ. | Big Sky "Carrion Comfort" (N) | |
| CBS (2) (3) (22) | Ent. Tonight | Survivor (N) | | The Real Love Boat (N) | | 9:59 The Amazing Race (N) | |
| NBC (5) (8) (16) | Ac. Hollywood | Chicago Med (N) (DVS) | | Chicago Fire (N) (DVS) | | Chicago P.D. "Donde Vives" (N) | |
| FOX (17) (22) (28) (32) | You Bet Your Life | The Masked Singer (N) (DVS) | | :02 LEGO Masters "Out on a Limb" (N) | | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) | |
| PBS (34) | Outdoor Elements | Rivers of Life "Yukon" | | NOVA Police and the courts rely on AI. (N) | | Secrets of the Dead | |
| CW (25) | Big Bang Theory | DC's Stargirl (N) | | Kung Fu "Risk" (N) | | NightTeam | Seinfeld |
| MNT (58) | Family Feud | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit | | Dateline "Secrets in the Mist" | | Dateline "Secrets in the Snow" | |
| WCIU (26) | Neighborhood | DC's Stargirl (N) | | Kung Fu "Risk" (N) | | King of Queens | King of Queens |
| WHME (46) | :00 Heartland | Heartland "True Calling" (DVS) | | Highway to Heaven "That's Our Dad" | | Nightly News | |
| WGN (9) | News | black-ish | The Goldbergs | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | WGN News at Nine (N) (L) | |
| A&E | Court Cam | Court Cam | Court Cam | Court Cam | Court Cam | :01 Court Cam | :32 Court Cam |
| AMC | Night-mare-Elm | ★★ Halloween H20: 20 Years Later ('98) Jamie Lee Curtis, Adam Arkin. | | | | ★★★★ Halloween ('78) | |
| Animal | Life Zoo | The Zoo | | The Zoo | | The Zoo | |
| BET | Neighbor | Payne | As. Living | Tyler Perry's Sistas | | Zatima | Payne |
| Big Ten | Womens | Women's College Volleyball | | | | B1G | Big Ten |
| Bravo | House-wives | Real Housewives/ Beverly | | The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (N) | | | House-wives |
| BSN Sports | Life | World Poker | | Epic | Polaris | NASCAR Race | |
| Cartoon | Scooby | Dog | Dog | Burgers | Burgers | American | American |
| Cinemax | 5:14 Australia | ★ Stealing Harvard ('02) Jason Lee, Tom Green. | | :26 ★★ Sex Drive ('08, Comedy) Josh Zuckerman. | | | |
| CMT | Last Man | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom |
| CNBC | S. Smith | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank (N) | | Jay Leno's Garage | |
| CNN | OutFront | Anderson Cooper | | CNN Tonight (N) | | CNN Tonight (N) | |
| Comedy | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk |
| Discovery | Expedition Un. | Tut's Toxic Tomb (N) | | | | :03 Expedition Unknown | |
| Disney | Big City | Big City | Big City | Villains | Ultra | Big City | Big City |
| E! | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Raising a F...ing Star | | Chrisley |
| ESPN | NBA Preseason Basketball: Nets at Bucks | | | | | Basketball | |
| ESPN2 | College Football Louisiana at Marshall. (N) (L) | | | | | | SportCtr |
| ESPNU | Volleyball | Women's College Volleyball | | | | 30 for 30 | |
| Food | Grocery | Guy's Games | | Guy's Ultimate Game | | Guy's Games | |
| Fox News | Jesse | Tucker Carlson | | Hannity (N) | | The Ingraham Angle | |
| Freefrm | Ghost-busters | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | The Simpsons |
| FX | :00 ★★★ The Avengers ('12, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo. | | | | | Welcome to | Welcome to |
| Golf | College Golf Jackson T. Stephens Cup, Final Round. | | | | | Golf Central | |
| Hallmark | Sweetest Heart | Color My World With Love ('22) Lily D. Moore, Erica Durance. (DVS) | | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls |
| HBO | 6:20 Belfast | :15 ★★★ Elvis ('22, Biography) Austin Butler, Tom Hanks, Olivia DeJonge. Elvis Presley rises to fame in the 1950s. | | | | | |
| History | Pawn | Pawn Stars (N) (DVS) | | | | :03 Forged in Fire | |
| HGTV | Home | Home Town | | Farmhouse Fixer (N) | | Hunters | Hunters |
| Learning | Dr. Pim | Dr. Pimple Popper | | Dr. Pimple Popper | | Baby Surgeons | |
| Lifetime | :00 Castle "Boom!" | Married at First Sight "Are You My Person?" Decision Day approaches shortly. | | | | Mar-ried-Sight | Mar-ried-Sight |
| MAGN | Fixer | In With the Old | | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper | |
| MSNBC | ReidOut | All In With | | Alex Wagner Tonight | | The Last Word With | |
| MTV | Ridicu | The Challenge "Ride or Dies" | | | Love at First Lie (N) | | |
| NBCSCH | Bensinger | Rugby World Cup New Zealand 2021 | | | | World Poker Tour | |
| NFL | NFL Total | NFL Football Teams TBA, | | | | | |
| Nick | Dylan | Monster High | | Monster High | | Friends | Friends |
| NGEO | Smuggler | Dutch Caribbean | | To Catch a Smuggler | | Locked Up Abroad | |
| NWSN | On Balance | Cuomo (N) | | Dan Abrams Live (N) (L) | | Banfield (N) | |
| Oxygen | Dateline: Secrets | Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) | | Dateline: Secrets Uncovered | | Dateline: Secrets Uncovered | |
| Parmt | Two Men | ★ The Waterboy ('98) Adam Sandler. | | | | TBA | MajorLea |
| Showtime | Dallas Buyers | Let the Right One In "Anything for Blood" | | ★★ Killer Joe ('11) Matthew McConaughey. | | | Let Right One |
| Starz | :18 | ★★ Safe Haven ('13, Romance) Josh Duhamel, Julianne Hough. | | :17 ★★ Zombieland: Double Tap ('19) Woody Harrelson. | | | |
| STZENC | :16 ★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Comedy) Adam Sandler. | | | ★★★ The Terminal ('04) Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones. | | | |
| SyFy | 6:30 ★★★ Doctor Strange ('16, Action) (DVS) | | | Chucky A detective questions Tiffany. (N) | | :01 Reginald the Vampire (N) | |
| TBS | Big Bang Theory | All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (L) | | | | Young Sheldon | Young Sheldon |
| TCM | Corvette Summer | ★★★ Here Comes Mr. Jordan ('41) Robert Montgomery, Claude Rains. | | | | ★★★ Bedazzled ('67) | |
| TMC | Student Body ('22) | ★★★ Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror ('07) | | | :45 | ★★★ Grindhouse Presents: Death Proof ('07) | |
| TNT | NHL Hockey: Bruins at Capitals | | | | | NHL Hockey | |
| Travel | Terror | Terror in the Woods | | Terror in the Woods | | Terror in the Woods | |
| TV Land | Andy G. | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond |
| USA | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) | | Chucky A detective questions Tiffany. (N) | | :01 Dr. Death "Ain't No Bum" (N) | |
| VH1 | :00 ★★★ 42 ('13) Chadwick Boseman. | | | | | Wayans | Wayans |

# Baby's here, and now they're expecting grandparental help

**DEAR CAROLYN:** Our son and daughter-in-law recently gave us another blessed grandchild. Their older child just turned 3 and is in preschool. The couple both work full-time, she outside the home and he from home.

After her return from maternity leave with their older, I and two other relatives tag-teamed to watch the baby for three months until they placed him in full-time care. With my son's paternity leave, this broke down to about three weeks each.

**Carolyn Hax**

During this pregnancy they indicated they may need me to "help out" again and I began asking multiple times for an idea of what that schedule would look like, with no response until just weeks before her return to work, when they informed me I was going to be the primary caretaker, as the other two relatives were not available. She then texted me a schedule for the next four months.

I am thankfully in good health, but I am also 70 and have a dog and a part-time job. They expect me to drive to their home in rush hour 3 to 5 times a week to work 8 hours a day.

I was speechless that they would think nothing of expecting this.

I really am struggling with how to tell them this is too much.

We have supported them in many other ways financially and emotionally during their marriage but this is way too much. I just can't seem to be honest about my feelings without feeling guilty for not being a good grandparent. – Confidential

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Oh wow no, that guilt has no foundation. The couple's entitlement is 100 percent out of line.

The best way to say no is ... well, "no," as always. It's a great word and its two wee letters contain all the justifications you ever need.

But I feel your ache to be "good." (Even though you are already and would remain so even if you stuck to the two-letter "no." To be clear.) So the best way for *you* to say no is to say YES! ... only to the thing you're willing to do. "Yes! I will care for my new grandbaby ... X days a week," instead of five, or "X hours per day," instead of eight.

Cheekier than their babies, these parents.

Anyway. Expect them to blanch/balk/flip out so that you are prepared to hold firm when they do: "That's what I can offer. Let me know if you still want me and on what days."

If this earns you a full blast of their disapproval, then 1. Wow; 2. That's their problem, even though it'll feel like yours; and 3. "I was excited to share the caregiving again, but I never realized you had me in mind for all of it indefinitely. I am not prepared to do that." That's an *optional* fleshing out of your position, mind you, and only to help *you* feel better. It is not owed.

Look to the other two relatives, not the couple, for reassurance. They are "not available" even parttime, much less full, so if you're a bad grandparent (you aren't, to be clear), then they're just as bad or worse grandwhatevers themselves (they aren't, either).

This does raise the specter of their cutting you off from the kids. That would be cruel and unjustified, and you'd be wrong to cave to that fear, but it is a risk to weigh.

I do feel for the parents on some level, since the whole child-care-business model basically got long COVID and hasn't recovered. They'll struggle to find care. But that's not license to assume they can drop it all on you.

*Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.*

## JUMBLE

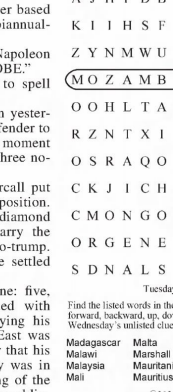
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VOCEL

RNOFT

TBINET

LAMSNO


Look who's got a box of her new HL books!
Wow! Working down here really paid off!
THE AUTHOR CONVERTED HER BASEMENT INTO A PLACE TO WRITE, AND THE RESULT WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

*Ans. here:* ( ) " ( ) "

Solution beneath Today's Crossword

## SUDOKU

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | | | 4 | | | 7 | |
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| | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 | | | | |
| | 8 | 5 | | | | 6 | | |
| 9 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | | | 7 | | | 5 | |

## BRIDGE

The former British comedy team of Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise used a two-liner based on the honors awarded biannually by the Queen.

"My name is Colonel Napoleon Davenport, DSO, MC, OBE."

"That's a funny way to spell 'Davenport.'"

In today's deal, like in yesterday's, it is vital for a defender to play a king at the right moment to defeat a contract of three no-trump.

East's three-heart overcall put South in an awkward position. He wanted to show his diamond suit, but that would carry the bidding above three no-trump. Hoping for the best, he settled for that game.

West led the heart nine: five, 10, four. East continued with the heart jack. By playing his lowest-possible cards, East was trying to tell his partner that his only chance of an entry was in clubs: the lowest-ranking of the suits. However, West was oblivious.

South played a diamond to dummy's king and a diamond to his ace, but East's spade discard killed that plan. Next, South cashed the club ace. Unthinkingly, West played his eight, not the king.

When South continued with another club, he was relieved to see West win with the king. Declarer claimed an overtrick a moment later.

If West had unblocked his club king under the ace, East would have got on play with the jack and cashed five heart winners.

True, unblocking the king might have cost a trick, but it would have been only an overtrick, a small price to pay when trying to defeat a game.

North 10-12-22
♠ A K 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K 6
♣ Q 10 6 5 3 2

West
♠ Q J 10 7 5
♥ 9 2
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ K 8

East
♠ 9 2
♥ K Q J 10 7 6 3
♦ 5
♣ J 9 7

South
♠ 8 6 3
♥ A 4
♦ A 8 7 4 3 2
♣ A 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3NT | Pass | 1♣ Pass | 3♥ Pass |

Opening lead: ♥ 9

## WORD SLEUTH • "M" COUNTRIES

A J H F D B Z X V A T R Q O M

K I H S F D O C I X E M B R

Z Y N M W U V T R S Q O A N A

M O Z A M B I Q U E L K I I C

O O H L T A F T D N C A S M S

R Z N T X I L W I O V U Y O A

O S R A Q O R A N R M I A L G

C K J I C H F U W C U L L D A

C M O N G O L I A I E A A O D

O R G E N E T N O M D M M V A

S D N A L S I L L A H S R A M

Tuesday's unlisted clue: ICELAND

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: **2nd Most Populous NA Country**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Madagascar | Malta | Micronesia | Montenegro |
| Malawi | Marshall Islands | Moldova | Morocco |
| Malaysia | Mauritania | Monaco | Mozambique |
| Mali | Mauritius | Mongolia | |

**Today's Sudoku solution**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| 9 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 9 |

**Today's Word Sleuth solution**

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Hit the malls
5 Hosiery shade
10 Bud holder
14 Succotash bean
15 Land measures
16 "Mack the Knife" singer
17 Quit flying
18 Belligerent
20 Tribal emblem
22 Sz. option
23 Thomas Gray opus
24 Treasured
26 Luau memento
27 Ottoman ruler
29 Croatian's neighbor
33 Realize
34 Move evasively
35 Wound a matador
36 Large tank
37 Iron shavings
40 Holt or Ryan
41 — so much
43 Trail behind
44 Texas border town (2 wds.)
46 Breakfast foods
48 Lubricate
49 Bikini half
50 Founded
51 Consummate
54 Mineo of old films
55 Situate
59 Deformation
62 Galena and bauxite
63 Fat cat's friend
64 Bizarre
65 "Cattle chews
66 Nonverbal OKs
67 Road map feature
68 Nudge, perhaps

**DOWN**
1 Shutter part
2 City near Mauna Loa
3 Not mention
4 Kneecap
5 Touch lightly
6 Shrewdness
7 Implored
8 Await judgment
9 That, in Acapulco
10 Concealing
11 Lotion ingredient
12 Punch
13 Simple
19 So-so grades
21 Theme
25 Popular flavoring
26 Lumberjacks
27 Barrel part
28 Say
29 Not allow
30 Wee bits
31 Develop
32 Fictional sub commander
33 With, to monsieur
34 Sharp turn
38 Vegas lead-in
39 Hit the hay
42 Discounts
45 Secure the bike
47 The younger Guthrie
48 In abundance
50 Sets a trap
51 Mouse target?
52 Extinct bird
53 Camelot lady
54 Throw for a loop
56 Make — — for it
57 Surrender territory
58 To be, to Brutus
60 "Vive le —!"
61 Table tennis divider

**Today's solution**

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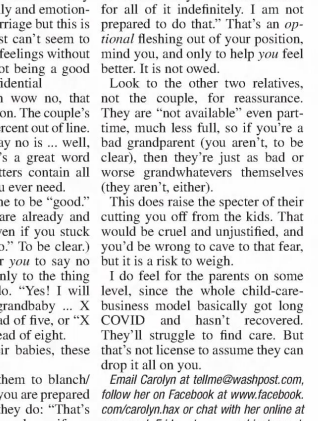
## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

**ACROSS**
1 TV's "Dateline __"
4 Juice flavor
9 Umpire's call
13 Deceitful person
14 Fit for a king
15 Tricky strategy
16 Solely
17 All over
19 Board's partner, in phrase
20 Long-standing quarrels
21 Naps
22 Exhilarate
24 Social spot
25 Mistakes
27 Bishop toppers
30 Henry VIII's royal house
31 Restaurant seat
33 Letter for Plato
35 Extended family group
36 Perceive
37 Stash away
38 "He Ain't Heavy, __ My Brother"
39 Saturday night companions
40 Actor/director Lee
41 Jenna Elfman TV role
43 Panicky
44 Final letter
45 Crazy
46 Pago Pago's location
49 Stringed instrument
51 Driving speed, for short
54 Awakener
56 Boyfriend
57 __ Wilder
58 Get clean
59 __ more; again
60 Tomahawks
61 Lingers
62 Polished off

**DOWN**
1 Bedtime, for some
2 "Nonsense!"
3 Sob
4 Says hello to
5 Musical variety show
6 Mellowed
7 Golf hole averages
8 Tarzan portrayer Ron
9 Globe
10 Refreshing drinks
11 Worth or Lauderdale
12 Observes
13 Hit a tennis ball high
18 1 of 7 deadly sins
20 Actor Jamie
23 Crazy as a __
24 __ to eat; light snack
25 Carve letters
26 Reigned
27 Swamp growth
28 Office party occasion
29 Feed the fire
31 __-carotene; pigment in carrots
32 Half and half
34 Floored
36 Identical
37 Reach from end to end
39 Reverie
40 Permanent mark
42 Portuguese islands
43 Plumbing tools
45 Like a mosquito bite spot
46 Long story
47 __ Trebek
48 Horse's hair
49 Blinds piece
50 Smidgen
52 __ oneself; work steadily
53 Orange or olive
55 Stephen Colbert's employer
56 Large snake



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**Today's solution**



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**Today's Jumble solution**

The author converted her basement into a place to write, and the result was a — BEST SELLER.

CLOVE FRONT BITTEN SALMON

**BEETLE BAILEY**

**BLONDIE**

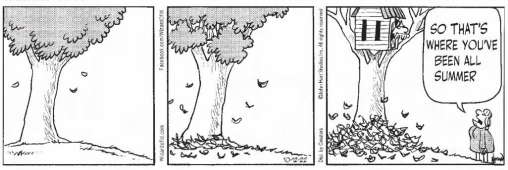
THIS YEAR WE WANT TO PLAN THE MOST SPECTACULAR WORLD SERIES PARTY EVER!
PERFECT! I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF TONS OF FUN BASEBALL-THEMED DISHES
HOW ABOUT GRAND SLAM GUMBO, BEAN BALL BRIOCHE, KNUCKLEBALL GNOCCHI AND...
WE WERE JUST THINKING HOT DOGS AND BAKED BEANS
EARL, YOU JUST KNOCKED IT OUT OF THE PARK!!
TALK ABOUT A SWITCH-HITTER!

**HI & LOIS**

WELCOME TO WILD WORLD
I'M BINGE-WATCHING AS MANY NATURE SHOWS AS I CAN.
WHY?
THESE ANIMALS ARE ALL GOING EXTINCT. IT MAY BE THE LAST TIME I SEE THEM!
10-12

**BC**

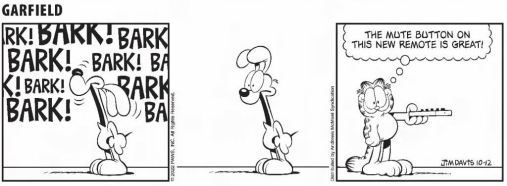
**WIZARD OF ID**




**DILBERT**

I JUST LEARNED MY JOB WAS NEVER REAL. I WAS BEING FILMED FOR A SHOW CALLED "THE BIGGEST SUCKER."
DID YOU KNOW AND NOT TELL ME?
I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND HOW FUNNY IT WAS.

**GARFIELD**



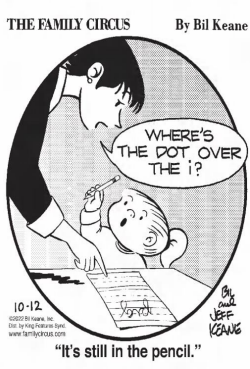

**FORT KNOX**

WE'RE ON THE SAME POPGE-BALL TEAM, WESLEY! ISN'T THAT GREAT?
NOW YOU CAN PROTECT ME!
YOU WON'T LET ME DOWN...RIGHT?
BE MY BODY DOUBLE!!
WHEEZ
QUICK! TAKE COVER

**PICKLES**

EARL IS SO FUNNY. HE CAN'T TELL IF HE'S HUNGRY OR NOT UNLESS HE LOOKS AT THE CLOCK.
SO YESTERDAY I SET THE CLOCKS BACK TWO HOURS, AND I DIDN'T HAVE TO FIX HIM DINNER UNTIL EIGHT P.M.!
I THINK TOMORROW I'LL SET THEM AHEAD TWO HOURS AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
YOU MISSED YOUR CALLING, OPAL. YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN A MAD SCIENTIST.

**FAMILY CIRCUS**




**DENNIS THE MENACE**

**BABY BLUES**

**CURTIS**

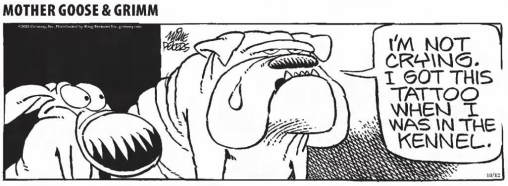
I BROUGHT HOME ATOMIC WINGS
OH BOY OH BOY OH BOY OH BOY!!
BARRY, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
SNIFF SNIFF
YOU FORGET I HAVE TO SHARE A ROOM WITH HIM LATER!!

**ZITS**

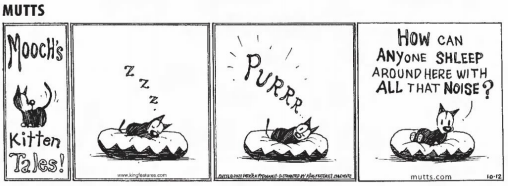
LUNA ASKED ME WHAT YOU WERE LIKE AS A KID.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD DUDE...
...DESPITE YOUR TRAGIC APPEARANCE.
YOU SHOWED HER MY SIXTH GRADE YEARBOOK PHOTO??

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE**

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM**




**MUTTS**




**SALLY FORTH**

USUALLY YOU CAN TELL A LAYOFF IS COMING BECAUSE SUPERVISORS FIND OUT IN ADVANCE AND START ACTING DIFFERENTLY AROUND THEIR STAFF. BUT ALICE WAS ALREADY LET GO...
OR THE COMPANY STOPS TALKING ABOUT LONG-RANGE PLANS, BUT ALICE NEVER LOOKED THAT FAR IN THE FIRST PLACE.
OR YOU KEEP HEARING ABOUT COST-CUTTING, BUT ALICE NEVER HAD A HANDLE ON COMPANY FINANCES TO BEGIN WITH.
SO IN OTHER WORDS ALICE IS MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT EVEN AFTER SHE WAS FIRED.
THAT AND HER CONSTANTLY TEXTING ME TO HAVE LUNCH SO SHE CAN PUT THE FOCUS BACK ON HER DURING MY TIME OF UNCERTAINTY.
KEFFEE

## HOROSCOPE

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12, 2022**

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19)** Always remain appropriate. It might be tempting to show off a bubbly personality by engaging with everyone you meet. Your friendly flirtation might rub a romantic partner the wrong way, however, and spark a misunderstanding.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)** You may be really on in social situations or amuse people with unique ideas. A family member could inadvertently put you in an embarrassing predicament. Romance is in the air but easily disrupted by outside influences.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** It's always beneficial to show your understanding and compassion when loved ones or acquaintances have personal problems. Good communication will help you to understand the other person's viewpoint. Gather support for your goals.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Give yourself enough self-love so that you do not take someone's harsh assessments personally. A loved one or companion could resent interference when they are hard at work. Wait for better timing to discuss issues.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You could learn to put some sound business strategies to use. Your eagerness to experiment with something entirely new and different, however, could result in disapproval from the person you hope to impress.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your tastes could change rapidly with exposure to new things. Until you are certain about what fits your lifestyle, you should hold off on major purchases. This can be a good day to discuss important issues with a partner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.)** You might entertain others with an enchanting personality but some things cannot be fixed with a magic wand. Someone in your life could choose to change the pace. Conflicting viewpoints might cause a tiff.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Social interactions at the workplace could be awkward. A new acquaintance may light a romantic fire in your heart but you might be happier if you keep each other in the friend zone. Work hard and be discreet.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You might be charming and attractive, but don't let some passing flirtations go to your head. To achieve one of your goals, you may need to conserve your dollars and stick to a stricter savings plan.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you and a partner may have different expectations and priorities, this may put you at odds with one another. If you're wanting to be restrained about spending, you may resent a family member who gives in to their whims.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You might not be happy to be held back yet you may balk at changes. It may be necessary to take a rain check on an invitation or force yourself to attend a required social gathering. Display your command of proper etiquette.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** Social activities could spark an enthusiastic response. The friendships you make might not lead to romance but could cause you to spend more money. A family member may try to push you into making an unwise decision.

# The Herald-Palladium CLASSIFIEDS

**Classified Desk:** 1-855-317-4292

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9am-2pm EST

## 0100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Miscellaneous**

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-866-495-1709

**LAWRENCE, MICHIGAN**--- The public is invited to attend a talk with Abra Berens, chef and writer of cookbooks Grist and Ruffage on Wednesday October 12, 2022, at 530pm at VBDL Lawrence Community Branch library located at 212 N. Paw Paw St, Lawrence, MI 49064. Learn about her story and how she brought her cookbooks to life.

Abra started cooking at the storied Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor, MI. She went on to train in the garden-focused kitchen at Ballymaloe Cookery School in Cork, Ireland. In 2009 she co-founded Bare Knuckle Farm in Northport, MI, where she farmed and cooked for 8 years. After years of farming, she returned to the kitchen full time, opening and helming the café at Local Foods in Chicago, IL. In 2017, she left her Executive Chef position to return to the mitten state to join the team at Granor Farm in Three Oaks, MI, where she combines her love of farms and restaurants to create one-of-a-kind dinners on the farm celebrating the best of South West Michigan's diverse agriculture.
For information about this or any other program, call 269-674-3200.

## 0150 GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

**Garage Sale**

5516 W. Karen Ct. Stevensville Thur 10/13 & Fri 10/14 9am-5pm Sat 10/15 10am-4pm! Women's Name Brand Clothing Sm, Md, Lg. Jeans size 6&8, Jackets, Coats Med & Lg, Men's Shirts Lg, Xl, 2x, 3x, Jeans 36,38,40,42,44, Jr Clothing, 7' Christmas Tree, Clothing Rack, Etc...

## 0200 EMPLOYMENT

**The City of St. Joseph is seeking a full-time Senior Laborer Parks & Ice Arena** to perform a broad range of manual labor and semi-skilled tasks involved with the operation of the Howard Ice Arena and the Public Works Department. Must be able to prioritize the workload and work independently or capable of supervising other personnel to complete assigned tasks. Must be able to work weekends and holidays, as assigned. Employment application and full job description available online at www.sjcity.com. To apply submit an application by Friday, October 21,2022, to Personnel Dept. at City of St. Joseph, 700 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 or by email to lmoore@sjcity.com.

**The City of St. Joseph is seeking a Water and Sewer Serviceperson** to join our team! Knowledge of water and sewer systems is desirable. Applicants are required to have a valid MI driver's license with CDL Class A and N endorsements or able to obtain one during the probationary period (120 calendar days) and a safe driving record. Starting hourly rate is $25.30. In addition to a competitive compensation package, the City of St. Joseph has a defined benefit plan for its retirement benefits, offers great medical, dental and vision benefits and more! Application and complete job description are available online at www.sjcity.com. To apply please submit application/resume to HR Department, 700 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 or to lmoore@sjcity.com. Open until filled. First review of applications will be October 25, 2022.

## 0500 MERCHANDISE

**Benton Harbor, MI**
Moving? Downsizing?
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## 0900 LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of
Harriet Louise McElheny
Date of Birth: 9/17/1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent,
Harriet Louise McElheny, who lived at 31214 Pokagon Highway, Dowagiac, MI 49047, died 12/18/2021.

There is no personal representative of the estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent and/or Harriet Louise McElheny and the Harriet McElheny Protection Trust and Harriet McElheny Trust no. 1, dated 9/3/2014, are notified that all claims against the decedent and/or trusts will be forever barred unless presented to West Michigan Community Bank, Corporate Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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October 11, 2022

## 0900 LEGALS

**St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting October 3, 2022**

SYNOPSIS

- Approved Consent Agenda
- Approved Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance
- Approved Vehicle Purchase
- Approved Exemption Public Act 152 of 2011
- Approved Budget Adjustments
- Approved Resolution 2022-16 – Carronde Park Water Trail Connection & Fishing Platform Land Grant
- Approved Resolution 2022-17 – Supervisor Salary
- Approved Resolution 2022-18 – Clerk Salary
- Approved Resolution 2022-19 – Treasurer Salary
- Approved Resolution 2022-20 – Trustee Salary

REGULAR MEETINGS: 1st Monday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall, located at 3000 Washington Avenue.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS: 1st Monday of every month at 12:00 noon at the Township Hall.

Patrice Rose, Clerk

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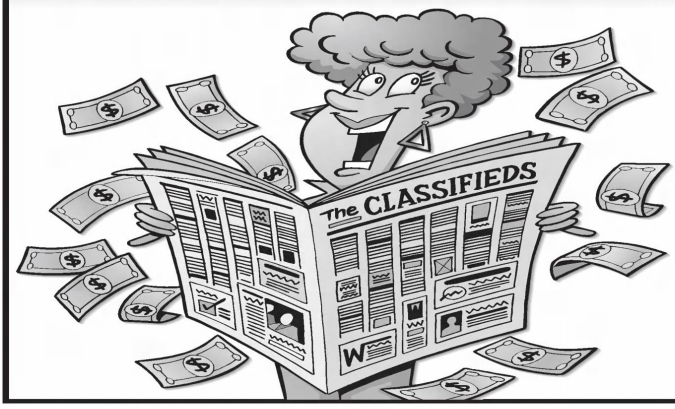


**30-DAY REVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**HAGAR TOWNSHIP BOARD**
**FIVE-YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAYS PLAN**

Hagar Township has completed the process of updating its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan and will publish the draft Plan for public review. The Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan will be available at the following locations for at least 30 days and until the final public hearing on the plan:

https://www.hagartownship.org/
Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, MI 49084

The Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan is intended to help guide improvements to recreation facilities in the community. The process to develop the Plan included community input elements. Now that a draft of the Plan has been completed, the Parks Committee and Hagar Township Board is offering a public comment review period to give residents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on the Plan prior to adoption.

To provide written comments on the draft Recreation Plan, please email hagarclerk@gmail.com or mail comments to Hagar Township, P.O. Box 87, Riverside, MI 49084.

The Hagar Township Board will be considering the adoption of the Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan at the public hearing. The public hearing on the draft Plan is scheduled as follows:

**Hagar Township Hall,** *14th of November, 2022 @ 7:15 pm, 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, MI 49084*

The draft Plan is available and may be examined by the general public at the location and website noted above and at the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to submit their comments in person or in writing at or before the public hearing.

Hagar Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

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